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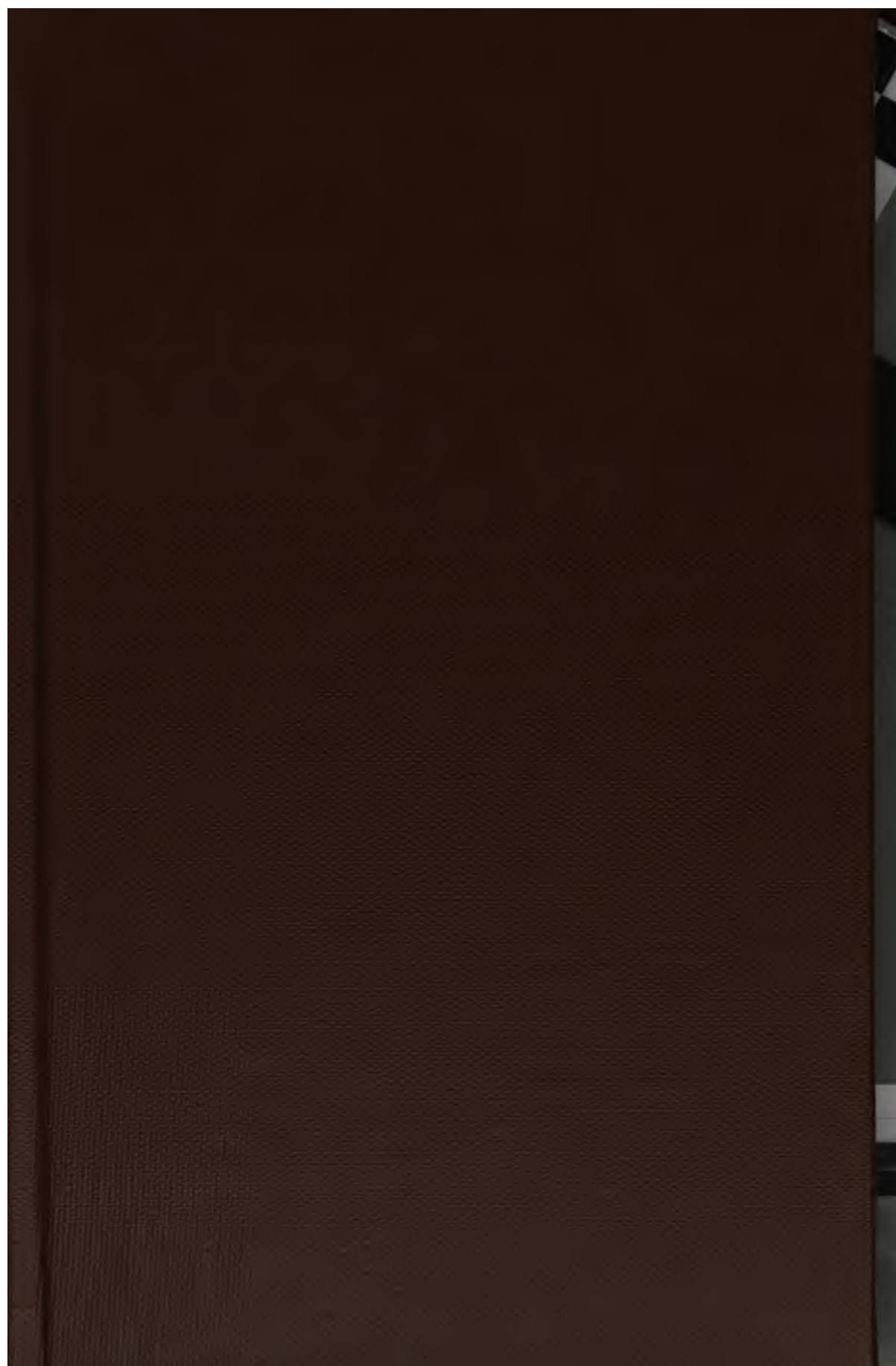
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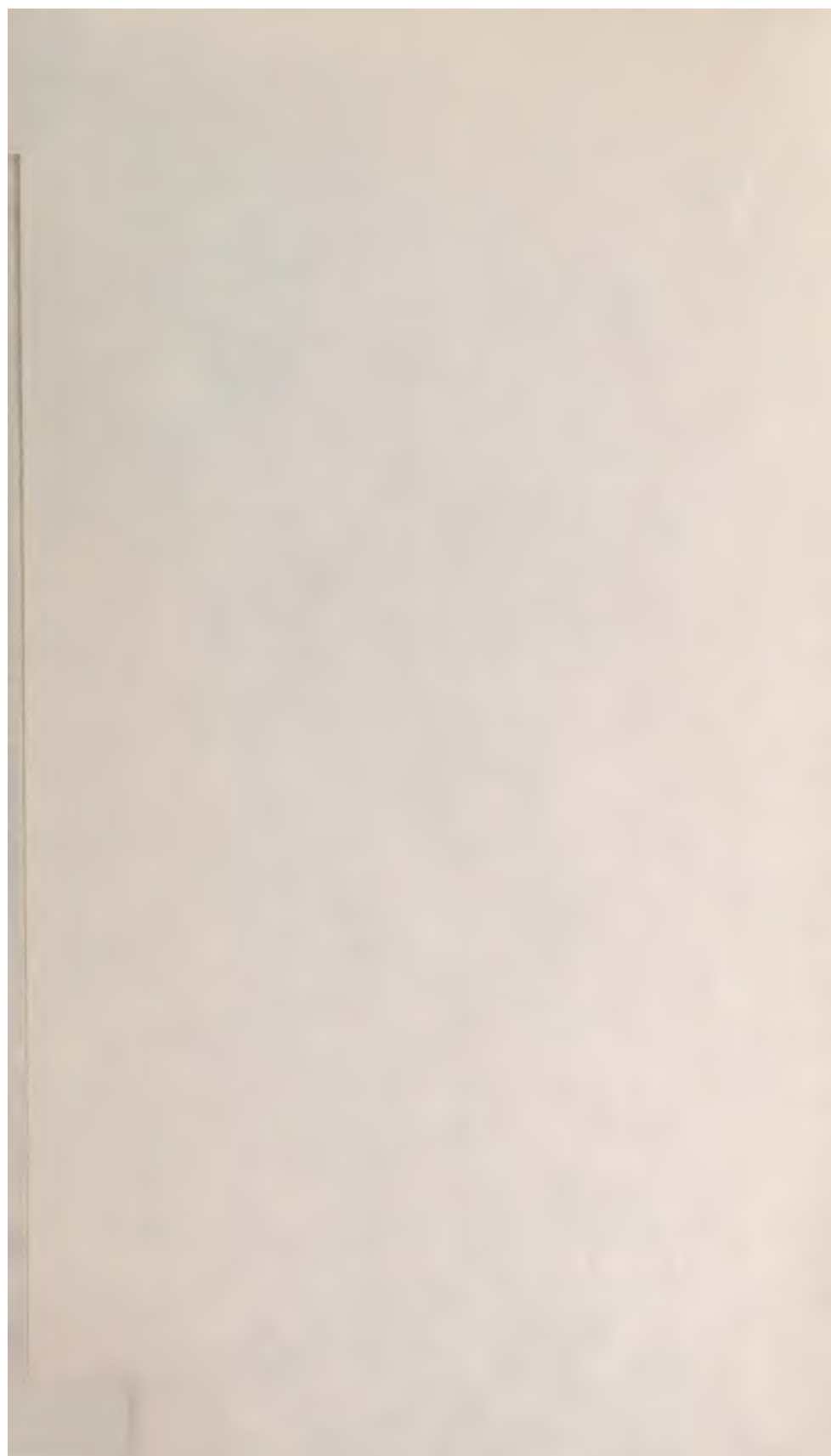
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MINUTE OF MEETING
OF
EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD
HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 9th JANUARY 1878.

At a Meeting of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD, held in the
Offices of the BOARD, No. 9 South Castle Street, on
*Wednesday, the 9th day of January 1878, at Three
o'clock P.M. :*

Present,—

REV. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., *Chairman.*

Miss PHOEBE BLYTH.

Miss FLORA C. STEVENSON.

Rev. WM. ADAMSON.

Rev. JAMES BEGG, D.D.

BAILIE TAWSE.

J. DICK PEDDIE, Esq.

J. GUTHRIE SMITH, Esq.

Rev. GEORGE RIGG.

Rev. ALEX. WILLIAMSON.

THOMAS HARVEY, Esq., LL.D.

JOHN CLAPPERTON, Esq.

The Minute of the last Ordinary Meeting was held as read, and was signed by the Chairman. The Minute of the Special Meeting held in the Police Court-Room on Saturday, the 5th January, was approved.

The Chairman read the report of the Committee on School Management. It was as follows :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT.

The Committee approved of the following arrangements made by a Sub-Committee of their number, in appointing Assistants to St. Leonard's School, viz. :—To transfer Miss Prentice, Second Assistant in the Infant Department of Causewayside School to the Infant Department of St. Leonard's School ; and to appoint Mr. Thomas Ross temporarily, at a salary of 30s. per week, Assistant in the Juvenile Department.

The Committee remitted to the Chairman and Visitors of the School to elect an Assistant for Bristo School.

The Committee had before them a letter from the Scotch Education Department enclosing a Report of a visit without notice by Mr. James Blaikie, H. M. Inspector, upon St. Leonard's School. The Clerk was instructed to reply to the letter from the Department. It was agreed to recommend that Mr. Andrew, the Head-master of St. Leonard's School, be instructed not to admit new pupils until the average attendance of the School falls below 750.

The Committee had before them a communication from Dr. Littlejohn, recommending that the School of Causewayside be temporarily closed owing to the prevalence of measles in the district. The Committee remitted to the Visitors of the School to inquire into the state of matters in the locality, with power to close the School if they saw fit, and to communicate with Dr. Littlejohn.

The Committee agreed to delay consideration of the remit of the

Board regarding salaries until the Reports of the Committee on School Work, regarding Specific Subjects and Pupil-teachers, are laid before the Board and disposed of. They accordingly request that this remit be continued.

ARCH. SCOTT, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

Mr. Adamson reported that the visitors of Causewayside School did not consider it necessary in the circumstances to close the School.

Miss Stevenson verbally reported that the Committee on School Attendance had authorised a Special Meeting of the Board to deal with defaulting parents, to be held on the 5th January. She further stated that the Committee were not yet prepared to report upon the question of Industrial Schools, in terms of the motion adopted at the last meeting of the Board. She hoped to be able to report to next meeting.

The Chairman read the Report of the High School Committee, which was as follows:

REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Committee are not yet able to recommend a detailed plan for providing a luncheon-room at the High School: and they request that the remit on this matter be continued to them.

The Committee had before them letters from Mr. Lees, Lecturer on Natural Philosophy, and from Dr. Wilson, Lecturer on Physiology, asking for a re-adjustment of the salaries paid to them. The Committee are unable to recommend the Board that any change be made during the present session: but they agreed to recommend that the Board take these applications into their favourable consideration when making arrangements for next session.

The Committee agreed to recommend that an additional cleaner be allowed for the High School.

ARCH. SCOTT, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

Baile Fawse read the following Report of the Finance Committee,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee granted an Allowance of £3 to Mr. John M-Beath, Tutor, Stirling, for services in connection with preparation of Year-books in Board of Education.

The Committee approved of the engagement of the Janitor of Dalry School from 1st December last, and authorised the employment of such men as may be necessary.

The Committee passed various resolutions.

BAILE FAWSE, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

Dr. Harvey read the following Report of the Committee on School Work, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL WORK.

The Committee had under their consideration the remits of the Board upon the Report upon Higher or Specific Subjects, and the admission of visitors to the Schools.

They are not able to lay detailed Schemes before this meeting, and request the remits to be continued.

The Committee approved of the hours of closing and opening Causewayside School being changed from 9 to 9.30, and from 3 to 3.30.

The Committee had before them an interim Report by the Convener upon the remit regarding Pupil-teachers. It was agreed to transmit the Report to the Board.

THOMAS HARVEY, *Convener*.

The Report was approved, and the remits upon Higher or Specific Subjects, and the admission of visitors to Schools were continued.

Dr. Harvey also gave a verbal interim report of the Committee upon the remit regarding Pupil-teachers, and stated the Report would be printed and put into the hands of members on an early day.

Bailie Tawse reported that the Special Committee for supplying books, apparatus, etc., were not prepared with a final Report at this meeting.

The following Report by Mr. Gowans, on the Schools in course of erection, was read :—

REPORT BY MR. GOWANS.

Dalry School: The painters are very busy inside, but there is a great deal of work to do in finishing the joiner-work, and in levelling the yards. The architect has been written to, pressing on him the importance of having more men put on so as to complete the building and have it ready for opening by the first of February.

North Canongate School: The eastern portion of the building is nearly ready for the joisting of the second floor. The second story of the centre and west wing is about half up.

JAMES GOWANS.

The Clerk was instructed to write the architect to press on the work at Dalry School, and also to point out to him that a boiler for heating water does not appear to be provided, and that there was no place for storing apparatus for cleaning, etc.

The following Report by the Compulsory Officer was laid on the table, and the Statistics were remitted to the School Attendance Committee :—

**COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT for the FOUR WEEKS ending
December 29, 1877.**

Abstract of Statistics for the Eight Districts.

**Total number of Children visited during the Four Weeks
ending December 29, ... 3504**

Of the above number there are :—

Dead, ...	5	
Above age, ...	24	
Incurable, ...	2	
Left the City, ...	51	
Removed to other parts of the City, ...	69	
Gone to School, ...	1401	
Absent through Temporary Causes, ...	1952	
		3504

Of the number Absent through Temporary Causes, there
are :—

Refractory, ...	1	
Sick, ...	969	
Wanting Clothing, ...	13	
Unable to pay Fees, ...	10	
Considered too young, ...	33	
Absent from want of Accommodation, ...	5	
Under promise to send, ...	921	
		1952

N.B.—Of the 1952 Absent, 1190 are returned over seven years of age, and 762 under seven.

Of the 969 returned Sick, 5 are Fever cases, 9 Hooping-Cough, and 94 Measles ; these include Children prevented from attending School owing to some member of the family having Fever, Hooping-Cough, or Measles.

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
EDINBURGH, January 4, 1878.

**COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT on Evening School Attendance of
Children under 13 years of age.**

Eight Evening Schools under the Board were visited regularly each week between the 6th and 20th December 1877, when the Rolls were examined. The result is as follows :—

Boys regular, ...	51	
„ irregular, ...	11	
„ above 13 years of age, ...	4	
„ sick, ...	...	
„ left town, ...	...	
		66
Girls regular, ...	37	
„ irregular, ...	6	
„ above 13 years of age, ...	...	
„ gone to Day-school, ...	...	
		43
Total, ...		109

Fourteen Non-Board Evening Schools were visited same as above. The result is as follows :—

Boys regular, ...	30	
„ irregular, ...	4	
„ gone to Day-school, ...	...	
„ above thirteen years of age, ...	...	
	—	34
Girls regular, ...	18	
„ irregular, ...	1	
„ above 13 years of age, ...	...	
„ sick, ...	...	
„ gone to Day school, ...	...	
	—	19
Total, ...	53	

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
4th January 1878.

The Returns of School attendance for the month, of which the following is an abstract, were laid upon the table :—

ABSTRACT RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at 14 Board Schools; 9 Roman Catholic Schools; 25 Non-Board Schools; 19 Heriot Schools; and 21 Evening Classes, for Four Weeks ending 28th December 1877.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for Four Weeks ending 28th December 1877.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.
I.—DAY SCHOOLS.												
14 Board Schools, ...	5965	3948	9913	5366	3228	8594	4132	2344	6476	77	72·6	75·35
9 Roman Catholic Schools, ...	1815	900	2715	1435	562	1997	1177	368	1545	82·02	65·48	77·36
25 Non-Board Schools, ...	512	562	1078	473	485	958	380	321	701	80·33	66·18	73·17
19 Heriot Schools, ...	..	..	4539	..	..	4589	..	..	4239	..	..	92·28
II.—EVENING CLASSES.												
BOARD SCHOOLS.												
5 for young Men, ...	..	..	697	..	..	337	..	..	222	..	..	65·87
3 „ Women, ...	..	..	185	..	..	122	..	..	96	..	..	77·86
13 Heriot	..	..	..	..	..	943	..	..	691	..	..	73·27

[The Returns are printed in full as Appendix.]

The Returns were remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

The Clerk read letter from the Solicitor to the Public Works Loan Commissioners, dated 21st December 1877, enclosing form of Receipt for £10,000, being third and final instalment of the Loan of £35,000, and the order for the Commissioners' Certificate for the instalment of the Loan, in order that the same might be signed, sealed, and attested previous to payment of the money.

The Board instructed their Chairman and Clerk to sign said documents, which was done in their presence. The seal of the Board was thereupon affixed to each document, and both were attested.

The Clerk also submitted a statement showing the present position of the Building Fund, and the manner in which the sums previously received on account of it had been disposed of. There appeared a balance in favour of the Fund of £231, 6s. 11d. The statement was found to be correct, and the Chairman and Convener of the Finance Committee were instructed to certify that the instalment now asked for will probably be expended within the next three months.

Read letter from Miss Dott, assistant in Leith Walk School, resigning her appointment, and requesting to be relieved of her duties by the 18th day of January. The resignation was accepted, and it was agreed to allow Miss Dott away as requested. It was remitted to the School Management Committee to appoint an assistant in room of Miss Dott.

It was agreed to charge the same fees, and to make the same arrangements regarding the supplies of slates, ink, etc., in Dalry School as in the other Board new Schools (the New Street School excepted).

It was agreed to transfer the Juvenile Department of Roseburn School to Dalry School, and to keep the Roseburn School open in the meantime as an Infants Department.

Consideration of the motion given notice of by Mr. Dickson at last meeting was, in his absence, delayed.

PRIVATE.

An application by Mr. Duke, assistant, West Fountainbridge School, for an increase of salary, was laid upon the table. The Board declined to grant the application.

An application by certain of the Janitors of the Board Schools for an increase of wages was laid upon the table. The Board declined to grant the application.

Sheriff Guthrie Smith reported that at the special meeting held on the 5th, to deal with defaulting parents, two of the parents summoned before the Board stated that John Fraser, the Janitor of Dean School, was the worse of drink while speaking to them regarding the attendance of their children at School. It was also stated that the Headmaster

of the School had reported the Janitor for a similar offence. It was remitted to the Chairman and the visitors of the School to inquire into this matter, with powers to dismiss the Janitor.

Form IX., for Roseburn School, was signed by the Chairman, Clerk, and a quorum of the Board. It was agreed to transfer the sum of £192, 2s. 7d. from rate to the income of this School.

Read letter from Dr. Robertson, West Fountainbridge School, stating that he is a candidate for the situation of Rector of Church of Scotland Training College, Glasgow, and requesting a certificate from the Board. The Clerk was instructed to write Dr. Robertson that the Board, as such, are unable to grant the certificate required, but that individual members of the Board may do so.

The Clerk stated that the lease of Ponton Street Hall expired at the ensuing Whitsunday term. The Board agreed not to renew the lease, and instructed the Clerk to make the necessary intimation to the proprietors of the building and the teachers of the School.

The Clerk laid upon the table a plan of ground suitable for a site for St. Leonard's School, extending to about an acre. The plan was prepared by Mr. Wilson, who stated that the proprietor asks close upon £4000 for the ground with the houses upon it. It was remitted to the Chairman and Convener of the Building Committee to inquire regarding this site, with power to acquire it.

{ ARCHD. SCOTT.

APPENDIX No. I.
RETURN OF ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS for Four Weeks ending 28th December 1877.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average Number on Roll for 4 weeks ending 28th Dec. 1877.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Bristo, ...	718	403	1121	630	320	950	432	228	660	68.6	71.2	69.47
Causewayside, ...	423	279	702	473	209	682	262	121	383	55.3	57.8	56.15
Dean, ...	240	183	423	213	155	368	169	124	293	79.3	80.	79.61
Deanhaugh Street, ...	218	243	461	191	200	391	153	152	305	81.	76.	77.
Holyrood, ...	189	244	433	198	189	387	152	135	287	76.7	71.4	74.16
Leith Walk, ...	705	389	1094	647	319	966	504	226	730	77.8	70.8	75.56
New Street (inc. Stevenlaw's Close), ...	860	432	1292	701	363	1064	577	262	839	82.3	72.1	78.85
Ponton Street, ...	161	...	161	136	...	136	119	...	119	87.5	...	87.5
Roseburn, ...	205	147	352	188	142	330	151	106	257	80.3	74.6	77.87
St. Leonard's, ...	650	488	1138	569	442	1011	453	297	750	79.6	67.1	74.18
Stockbridge, ...	485	317	802	449	293	742	386	219	605	85.9	74.7	81.53
Victoria Terrace, ...	216	189	405	158	136	294	122	98	220	77.2	72.	74.82
West Fountainbridge, ...	721	420	1141	661	325	986	527	270	797	79.7	83.	80.83
West Port, ...	174	214	388	152	135	287	125	106	231	82.2	78.5	80.48
Total,	5965	3948	9913	5386	3228	8614	4132	2344	6476	77.	72.6	75.35
Corresponding period last year,	5307	3757	9064	4555	3086	7641	3641	2187	5828	79.93	70.93	76.04

APPENDIX No. II. RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at Nine Roman Catholic Schools for Four Weeks ending 28th December 1877.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 28th Dec. 1877.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Glen Street, Boys,	213	...	213	151	...	151	136	...	136	80	...	80
" Girls,	192	...	192	161	...	161	125	...	125	77	...	77
" Infants,	230	...	230	205	...	205	150	...	150	73	...	73
St. Patrick's,	350	...	350	287	...	287	243	...	243	84	...	84
York Lane,	159	234	393	136	153	289	116	123	239	80	83	82
St. Ann's,	275	395	670	189	224	413	146	121	267	77	64	64
St. Mary's, Girls,	202	...	202	141	...	141	137	...	137	97	...	97
" Infants,	...	271	271	...	185	185	...	124	124	...	67	67
Maryfield,	204	...	204	165	...	165	124	...	124	75	...	75
Total,	1815	900	2715	1435	562	1997	1177	368	1545	82	65	77
Corresponding period last year,	700	649	1349	564	378	942	481	312	793	85	82	84

APPENDIX No. III.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at Five Non-Board Schools for Four Weeks ending 28th December 1877.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 28th Dec. 1877.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Canongate Burgh,	184	210	394	162	195	357	131	145	276	80	74	77
St. Cuthbert's Industrial,	92	...	92	76	...	76	74	...	74	97	...	97
Lady Glenorchy's,	190	151	341	189	100	289	131	66	197	74	66	68
Pleasance (Infant),	...	201	201	...	190	190	...	110	110	...	57	57
Blind Asylum,	46	...	46	46	...	46	44	...	44	95	...	95
Total,	512	562	1078	473	485	958	380	321	701	80	66	73
Corresponding period last year (for 3 Schools),	559	397	956	514	335	849	435	204	639	84	60	75

APPENDIX No. IV.

MONTHLY RETURN *of the number of Pupils on the Roll*
and in Attendance at GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL
 SCHOOLS *on 20th December 1877.*

SCHOOLS.	No. Fixed.	On the Roll.	Average Number Attending.		No. Left.	Per cent. Absent.	Schedules in hands of Teachers.
			Week- Day.	Sunday.			
1. Heriot Bridge, . .	318	287	261	...	8	8	3
2. Cowgate Port, . .	330	324	296	...	4	9	36
3. High School Yards, .	330	337	272	...	6	10	70
4. Old Assembly Close, .	320	327	290	...	12	7	34
5. Borthwick Close, . .	320	319	302	...	28	6	42
6. Brown Square, . .	240	252	213	...	3	13	52
7. Rose Street, . . .	326	316	298	...	12	7	3
8. Broughton, . . .	250	254	223	...	4	9	14
9. Abbeyhill, . . .	320	319	283	...	10	9	19
10. Davie Street, . .	320	308	282	...	1	7	55
11. Grindlay Street, . .	290	293	274	...	3	5	12
12. Stockbridge, . . .	*	†230	229	...	...	...	6
INFANT SCHOOLS—							
13. High School Yards, .	185	185	171	...	51	9	11
14. Rose Street, . . .	170	89	113	...	58	11	1
15. Broughton, . . .	160	124	118	...	28	11	...
16. Victoria Street, and Sup- plementary Class, . .	{ 180 130 }	{ 222 }	241	...	101	17	5
17. Abbeyhill, . . .	170	171	154	...	27	8	21
18. Davie Street, . . .	180	189	172	...	12	9	66
19. Stockbridge, . . .	*	† 43	43	...	...	...	...
	4539	4589	4235	...	363	8	450

* Not yet fixed by Education Committee.

† These Schools are in course of being filled up.

APPENDIX No. V.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at* PUBLIC EVENING CLASSES
for Four Weeks ending 27th December 1877.

FOR YOUNG MEN.				
	Enrolled since School opened in September.	Average No. on Roll for Four Weeks ending 27th December 1877.	Average Nightly Attendance for same period.	Percentage present for same period.
1. St. Leonard's, ...	105	77	44	57·14
2. New Street, ...	132	58	47	81·03
3. Leith Walk, ...	120	50	31	62·
4. Stockbridge, ...	150	72	37	51·38
5. West Fountainbridge, ...	190	80	63	78·75
	697	337	222	65·87
FOR YOUNG WOMEN.				
1. Nicolson Square, ...	101	70	55	78·57
2. Stockbridge, ...	47	25	20	80·
3. West Fountainbridge, ...	37	27	20	75·074
	185	122	95	77·86
TOTAL (Male and Female), ...	882	459	317	69·05

APPENDIX No. VI.

MONTHLY RETURN *of the number of Pupils on the Roll*
and in Attendance at GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL
 EVENING CLASSES *on 20th December 1877.*

Name of School and Subject of Instruction.	On the Roll	Average Number Attending.	No. Left.
Brown Square—			
1. Arithmetic, ...	61	42	5
2. English Grammar and Composition, ...	35	29	7
Broughton Street—			
3. Writing and Book-keeping, ...	38	30	...
4. Shorthand, ...	45	30	...
Rose Street—			
5. French, ...	31	19	...
Victoria Street—			
6. Drawing, ...	48	38	2
7. Drawing, ...	49	38	1
ELEMENTARY CLASSES.			
FOR MALES—			
8. Heriot Bridge, ...	84	79	28
9. High School Yards, ...	108	71	31
10. Rose Street, ...	89	80	...
11. Abbeyhill, ...	75	54	13
12. Davie Street, ...	148	92	7
FOR FEMALES—			
13. Cowgate Port, ...	132	89	10
	943	691	104

MINUTE OF MEETING
OF
EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD

HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, 13th FEBRUARY 1878.

AT a Meeting of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD, held in the
Offices of the BOARD, No. 9 South Castle Street, on
Wednesday, the 13th day of February 1878, at Three
o'clock P.M. :

Present,—

Rev. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., <i>Chairman.</i>	
Rev. JAMES BEGG, D.D.	DAVID DICKSON, Esq.
Rev. WM. ADAMSON.	Bailie TAWSE.
Rev. GEORGE RIGG.	J. CLAPPERTON, Esq.
Rev. ALEX. WILLIAMSON.	J. GOWANS, Esq.
J. DICK PEDDIE, Esq.	Miss FLORA C. STEVENSON.
THOMAS HARVEY, Esq., LL.D.	Miss PHOEBE BLYTH.

The Minute of the last Ordinary Meeting was held as read, and was signed by the Chairman. The Minute of the Special Meeting held in the Police Court-Room, on Saturday, 5th January, was approved.

The Chairman read the Report of the Committee on School Management :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT.

The Committee approved of the appointment by the Chairman and Visitors of Bristo School of Mr. William Maclachlan, Assistant in that School.

The Committee agreed to appoint Miss E. B. Mauchline, Assistant in the Infant Department of New Street School, to be Assistant in the Juvenile Department of Leith Walk School, in room of Miss Dott, at a salary of £70 per annum.

The Committee authorised the Chairman and the Visitors of New Street School to appoint a suitable Assistant in place of Miss Mauchline.

The Committee authorised the Special Committee on the Supply of Apparatus, to select and order suitable apparatus and furniture for Dalry School.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

Miss Stevenson read the Report of the Committee on School Attendance :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The Committee had before them the resolution of the Board upon the Report submitted by them in December last. The Committee agreed to recommend as follows :—

1. That the Board re-affirm its decision on April 11, 1877, that it is undesirable that the Board should, in the meantime, erect an Industrial School.

The Committee, in the course of their inquiries, have become more and more convinced that the reasons which weighed with the Board in April last are conclusive against the Board's undertaking, in the meantime, the erecting and managing an Industrial School. These reasons were the following:—

(1.) The number of children at present to be provided for is not more than might be accommodated in the existing Industrial Schools, with very little addition to the present available space. Along with this there seems reasonable ground for anticipating some diminution in the number of neglected children, in consequence of the steady enforcement of the provisions of the Education Act.

(2.) If the Board were to erect an Industrial School under the Industrial Schools Act of 1866, the Board could not receive into such a School any children except those committed by a Magistrate, under clauses 14 and 15 of the Act. In this way a Public Industrial School, under this Act, would hold an unfavourable position in comparison with a School supported in part by voluntary subscriptions, unless voluntary contributions were placed at the command of the Board to meet the cases of non-committed children.

(3.) The opening of a Public Industrial School supported by rate would tend to withdraw contributions from the existing Schools, and might lead to their being closed, thereby involving the Board in the difficulty just indicated.

(4.) The continuance of the existing Schools is peculiarly important, because of the special interest which the Committee of Management, and the Committee of Ladies associated with the Managers, are able to take in the children who are the sole objects of their care.

2. That the Board make known to the Managers of existing Industrial Schools and the public, their resolve not to erect an Industrial School of their own; express their opinion of the great services rendered to the community by the existing Industrial Schools; and strongly recommend these Institutions to the public, as deserving of increased support.

3. That power should neither be asked nor given to School Boards to contribute towards the erection or maintenance of Industrial Schools.

4. To send a Memorial to the Lord Advocate on the subject of the education of neglected, destitute, and refractory children, and they submit Draft Memorial for approval.

The Committee had before them a request from the Glasgow Board to co-operate with that Board in promoting certain amendments proposed on the Factories and Workshops Bill. The Committee are of opinion that the only difficulty in enforcing the compulsory clauses of the Education Act which the Board have experienced, and with which the Factories and Workshops Bill propose to deal, is that relating to street traffic. The Committee are of opinion that the regulation of such traffic can be best controlled by local arrangements, and inasmuch as a Municipal Bill is being prepared for this City, in which powers are being asked by the Magistrates to deal, among other things, with the matter, they have agreed to recommend the Board to delay consideration of it. The Committee agreed to hold a Meeting with Defaulting

Parents on Saturday, the 2d February, at 2 o'clock, in the Police Court-Room, and authorised the Convener to prepare a List of cases for that Meeting.

FLORA C. STEVENSON, *Convener*.

The Report was approved. It was agreed to transmit the Memorial to the Lord Advocate, after certain alterations had been made upon it, in the following form :—

MEMORIAL TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE LORD ADVOCATE
BY THE EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD.

The Members of this Board desire to submit for your Lordship's consideration the following Statement bearing on the question of Industrial Schools and the Education of Destitute, Neglected, and Refractory Children.

The Board do not consider it expedient to take advantage of the power conferred on them by Clause 41 of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1872, to erect and maintain an Industrial School within the meaning of the Industrial Schools Act of 1866. The Board are of opinion that the existing Industrial Schools in this city are in many respects better suited to carry out the provisions of the Industrial Schools Act of 1866 than an Industrial School managed by them.

They, however, believe that there are a large number of children in the city who cannot be properly educated without restraint of some kind ; but who cannot be brought under the description of children mentioned in Clauses 14 and 16 of the Industrial Schools Act. They think that in order to deal with this class of children, the principle of the clauses of the Elementary Education Act of 1876, relating to Day Industrial Schools, should be made applicable to Scotland ; and that a more speedy and effective method than at present exists should be devised for recovering from parents the cost of the education of their children at such schools.

The Board do not venture to dictate to your Lordship the form in which the additional legislation which they consider necessary shall be provided, whether by altering or amending the Industrial Schools Act, 1866, or the Education (Scotland) Act, 1872 ; but they desire earnestly to point out to your Lordship the urgency of the matter, and the necessity for some further legislation on the subject.

The Board are also of opinion that the Compulsory Clauses of the Education Act might be more effectively enforced, especially in large towns, if proceedings could be taken against the same parent oftener than once in every three months. They would recommend that the Education Act be amended in this particular, and that for "three months" in Clause 70 be substituted "four weeks."

Your Lordship is aware that the Managers of Industrial Schools in England are paid from the Treasury at a higher rate than the Managers of Industrial Schools in Scotland, for the education and maintenance of children committed under warrant to their Schools. The Board are of opinion that the rate of payment ought to be the same in England and Scotland.

Bailie Tawse read the Report of the Finance Committee :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee accepted an estimate, by Mr. T. Laurie, for cleaning and varnishing the desks and seats transferred from Roseburn School to Dalry School, amounting to £5, 8s.

The Committee agreed to pay house-rent, with coal, gas, and taxes, for Kenneth Mackenzie, Janitor, Dalry School.

The Committee agreed to pay the share of house-rent and taxes to John Fraser, from the date of his entering on duty as Janitor at Dean School, till Whitsunday.

It was agreed to pay Messrs. W. Shearer and A. Dickson the sum of £4, 9s. for special work in preparing Form 46 for the Board of Education. The Committee also agreed to pay Mr. Shearer £5 for special work in preparing an Index for the printed Minutes.

The Committee recommend that apparatus be provided for cleaning some of the vents in certain Schools.

It was agreed to send notice to parties in arrears of High School Fees.

The Committee passed various accounts.

JOHN TAWSE, *Convener*.

The Report was approved.

Mr. Adamson read the Report of the Committee on Evening Schools:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVENING SCHOOLS.

The Committee agreed to recommend that classes be kept open during the summer for boys at New Street, and for girls at Bristo. The classes to open on the 11th March and close on 11th July. That the fee be 1s. per month. The classes to meet on four nights in the week, from 8 till 9.30, and that the Committee be authorised to appoint suitable Teachers.

WILLIAM ADAMSON, *Convener*.

The Report was approved.

Dr. Harvey read the Report of the Committee on School Work:—

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL WORK.

The Committee had before them a Time-table for Bristo School, which they approved.

The following Pupil-Teachers were reported as having been appointed: to Leith Walk School—James Hunter, John McLaren, and Helleon Campbell; Deanhaugh Street School—Janet Mitchell; Bristo School—Laura Wilson; New Street School—Mary Gardiner.

The Committee agreed to recommend the Board to memorialize the Scotch Education Department to delete Art. 21 (*f.*) Scotch Code, and also the first clause of Art. 21 (*e.*).

Referring to the Report on Specific Subjects, approved by the Board, the Committee agreed to recommend that it be optional to present pupils of the IV. Standard for examination in English Literature and Physical Geography.

The Committee, after communication with the Teachers, agreed to recommend that Visitors be admitted to the Schools on the last Wednesday of each month.

The Committee had before them the opinion of the Teachers upon the matter of Prizes, and agreed to recommend as follows :—

- (1.) That the present method of giving certificates to the children who passed in their Standards or Specific Subjects be continued.
- (2.) That a sum of 30s. for every hundred children in average attendance throughout the year be allowed to each School for Prizes.
- (3.) That the Prizes be selected by the Head-master, and submitted to the Committee on School Work for approval.
- (4.) That the Prizes be stamped with the Seal of the Board.
- (5.) That the number of Prizes do not exceed three in each Class or sub-division of Standard.
- (6.) That boys and girls compete together.

The Committee agreed to present the accompanying Report on the appointment of Pupil-Teachers.

REPORT ON THE APPOINTMENT, PAYMENT, EMPLOYMENT, AND INSTRUCTION OF PUPIL-TEACHERS.

I. THE APPOINTMENT OF PUPIL-TEACHERS.

1. Pupil-Teachers employed by the Board must not be under 14 years of age; and a preference will be given to candidates above that age.

2. For Pupil-Teachers above 14 and under 15 years of age, the examination shall be that now fixed for the end of the first year's apprenticeship; for those over 15 but under 16 years of age, the examination for the end of the second year; and for those over 16, the examination for the end of the third year.

3. Applicants for the office of Pupil-Teachers shall fill up a form of application, to be supplied by the Board.

4. The names of Applicants, who have complied with the above requirement, shall be entered in a book kept at the offices of the Board.

5. Applicants must renew their application on or before the 31st of July of each year, or their names will be removed from the book.

6. Head-masters desiring the services of one or more Pupil-Teachers must obtain the sanction of the School Work Committee, who along with the visitors of the school shall select the Pupil-Teachers.

7. All Pupil-Teachers must, before being sent up for examination, serve three months of probation.

II. PAYMENT OF PUPIL-TEACHERS.

1. Pupil-Teachers during their period of probation, or in the interval between their appointment by the Board and their examination, shall receive a uniform payment at the rate of £10 per annum.

2. Male Pupil-Teachers shall be paid £17, 10s., and Female Pupil-

Teachers £12, 10s. for the first year of an apprenticeship of four years, with an additional sum of £2, 10s. for each succeeding year of their apprenticeship.

3. A sum of £10 shall be given to each Male Pupil-Teacher and £7, 10s. to each Female Pupil-Teacher at the end of their apprenticeship, if the whole of it has been spent in the service of the Board.

4. An additional sum of £10 will be given to each Male Pupil-Teacher who passes into a Normal School under the terms of a regulation of the Department which qualifies all Pupil-Teachers who pass in Latin (or Greek) and Mathematics to take a University course in conjunction with their Normal School training.

5. An additional sum of £7, 10s. shall be given to each Female Pupil-Teacher who passes into a Normal School within the first 100 of the Scotch Candidates.

III. EMPLOYMENT OF PUPIL-TEACHERS.

1. The employment of Pupil-Teachers shall be left in the hands of the Head-masters.

2. The Head-masters shall, at the beginning of the School year, draw up a time-table showing in what departments, standards, and work they are employed.

3. The Head-master shall so arrange the time-table as that no Pupil-Teacher shall be placed in charge of a class as its responsible Teacher until he shall have entered upon the last two years of his apprenticeship. Up to that time he shall assist one of the responsible Teachers.

4. Along with these recommendations, the Committee suggest that the principle of the interchange of Pupil-Teachers between the various departments should be encouraged.

5. They also suggest that Female Pupil-Teachers be employed during their first and last years in the Juvenile Department, and during the intervening year or years of their apprenticeship in the Infant Department.

6. The transference of a Pupil-Teacher from one department to another should be made at the time of the annual inspection; only under exceptional circumstances in the course of the school year.

IV. INSTRUCTION OF PUPIL-TEACHERS.

1. Pupil-Teachers shall receive instruction six hours a week out of school hours.

2. The Head-masters shall draw up a time-table showing the hours at which, and the subjects in which, such instruction is given to the Pupil-Teachers.

3. The Head-master shall have the services of the whole staff of the school for the instruction of the Pupil-Teachers.

4. As laid down in the Code, Schedule II., Art. 5, such instruction shall be in the subjects in which the Pupil-Teachers are next to be examined.

5. In reference to the instruction of the Female Pupil-Teachers in

needle-work, each Pupil-Teacher must receive in addition to the ordinary instruction required by the Code, special instruction in the preparation of work for one hour per week during six months in the last two years of her apprenticeship.

6. It is compulsory under the Code that Male Pupil-Teachers be instructed in Euclid, to the end of Book III., and in Algebra up to Quadratic Equations (inclusive), at the end of their apprenticeship. The Committee recommend that the instruction in these subjects include also the fourth and sixth books of Euclid.

V. MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. In cases where Pupil-Teachers fail in their Government Examination in any year, they shall not be kept in the schools, except with the consent of the School Work Committee, Visitors, and Head-master.

2. Pupil-Teachers shall have a certain time given them in school hours for preparing their own lessons.

3. Pupil-Teachers shall not, where it can be avoided, be appointed at the beginning of their apprenticeship to the schools in which they have just before been pupils.

4. Pupil-Teachers shall not be permitted, under any circumstances whatsoever, to inflict punishment on the pupils.

5. The premiums paid to Pupil-Teachers under Sect. II. 3, 4, 5, shall be paid out of the School Fund in addition to the payments made under present arrangements.

THOMAS HARVEY, *Convener*.

Dr. Harvey, seconded by Dr. Begg, moved the approval of the Report, including the Report on the Appointment, etc., of Pupil-Teachers.

Miss Blyth, seconded by Mr Adamson, moved that in the Report on the Appointment, etc., of Pupil-Teachers, paragraphs marked 4 and 5, under the heading of "Payment of Pupil-Teachers" be deleted, otherwise to approve of the Report.

The Motion of Dr. Harvey was carried by a majority.

Dr. Begg read the Report of the Committee on Cookery :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COOKERY.

The Committee, after the Classes at present conducted in Stockbridge and Leith Walk Schools are closed, agreed to open Classes in Dean and Bristo Schools.

JAMES BEGG, *Convener*.

The Report was approved.

Mr. Gowans read the following Report on the Schools in course of Erection :—

REPORT BY MR. GOWANS ON SCHOOLS IN COURSE OF ERECTION.

1. *Dalry School* : This School will be ready for opening on Monday first, and Mr. Beattie, the Architect, has been advised that the work

must be completely finished and the workmen out of the building by that time.

The street footpaths, as well as the surface finishing of the playgrounds, will have to be delayed until there is no risk of frost damaging the work. In the meantime, the ground has been levelled and dressed, so as to be of use until permanently completed.

2. *North Canongate School*: Fair progress has been made with this building since last report, the walls of the centre portion and the east wing are now built some feet above the level of the second floor, and the west wing is being levelled for the upper joists. From the number of masons employed, and with reasonably good weather, this building should not be long in being ready for the roof.

JAMES GOWANS.

It was agreed to transfer the Juvenile Department of Roseburn School to Dalry School, on Monday, the 18th of February, and to open the School on Monday, the 4th March.

The Report of the Compulsory Officer was laid on the table as follows:—

COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT for the FOUR WEEKS ending
February 2, 1878.

Abstract of Statistics for the Eight Districts.

Total number of Children visited during the Four Weeks
ending February 2, ... 3553

Of the above number there are:—

Dead, ...	5
Above age, ...	47
Incurable, ...	4
Left the City, ...	30
Removed to other parts of the City	66
Gone to School, ...	1364
Absent through Temporary Causes, ...	2037
	3553

Of the number Absent through Temporary Causes, there
are:—

Refractory, ...	1
Sick, ...	873
Wanting Clothing, ...	25
Unable to pay Fees, ...	19
Considered too young, ...	30
Absent from want of Accommodation, ...	6
Under promise to send, ...	1083
	2037

N.B.—Of the 2037 Absent, 1288 are returned over seven years of age, and 749 under seven.

Of the 873 returned Sick, 7 are Fever cases, 5 Hooping-Cough, and 201 Measles; these include Children prevented from attending School owing to some member of the family having Fever, Hooping-Cough, or Measles.

D. MILLER,

Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
EDINBURGH, February 7, 1878.

RETURN OF DEFAULTING PARENTS summoned before the
School Board on the *2d February* 1878.

To be—

Prosecuted.—14 parents with 19 children; of whom there are
now regular at school 13—not sent to school 4—above
13 years of age 1—gone to poorhouse 1. Total, . . . 19

To be—

Prosecuted Conditionally.—5 parents with 9 children; of whom
there are now regular at school 5—not sent 1—sick 1—
above 13 years of age 1—left town 1. Total, . . . 9

To be—

Delayed.—14 parents with 21 children; of whom there are
now regular at school 17—not sent 4. Total, . . . 21

Dismissed.—1 parent with 1 child, who is regular at school.

Total, ... 1

TOTAL, ... 50

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
8th February 1878.

The Report was remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

The returns of School Attendance, of which the following is an
Abstract, were laid on the table :—

ABSTRACT RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at 14 Board Schools; 9 Roman
Catholic Schools; 8 Non-Board Schools; 19 Heriot Schools;
and 20 Evening Classes, for Four Weeks ending 1st February
1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for Four Weeks ending 1st February 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.
I.—DAY SCHOOLS.												
14 Board Schools, ...	6337	4198	10535	5427	3257	8684	4389	2238	6627	80·87	68·71	76·31
9 Roman Catholic Schools, .				Return incomplete								
8 Non-Board Schools, . . .	1210	1095	2305	1115	891	2006	895	616	1511	80·26	69·13	75·32
13 Heriot Schools, ...	..	..	4539	..	..	4399	..	..	3981	..	..	89·81
II.—EVENING CLASSES.												
BOARD SCHOOLS.												
5 for young Men, ...	..	..	723	..	..	260	..	..	191	..	..	73·46
2 „ Women, ...	..	..	160	..	..	84	..	..	66	..	..	78·57
13 Heriot	..	..	..	..	..	795	..	..	521	..	..	65·52

[The Returns are printed in full as Appendix.]

The Returns were remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

A letter from Mr. Porteous, of date 5th inst., resigning his appointment as second Teacher of New Street School, was laid on the table. It was agreed to consider the letter in private.

Read letter from Miss Catherine Andrew, Assistant in West Fountainbridge School, dated 1st February, resigning her appointment. It was explained that this resignation had already been accepted, and that Miss Isabella M. Croal, recently appointed Assistant in Dalry School, had been sent to Fountainbridge School temporarily to supply the place of Miss Andrew. The Board approved of the arrangement made, and remitted to the School Management Committee to appoint an Assistant in room of Miss Andrew.

Read letter from the Clerk of the Glasgow School Board, of date 2d February 1878, enclosing Copies of modified amendments on the Factories' and Workshops' Bill, and asking the co-operation of the Board in promoting these Amendments.

It was remitted to the School Management Committee to consider these amendments, with power to take any steps they may think necessary in dealing with them.

Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Adamson, moved "That it be remitted to the School Management Committee to consider whether improvements could be made in the present mode of electing Teachers in connection with this Board, and to report what changes they would recommend to be adopted."

The Motion was unanimously agreed to.

PRIVATE.

The letter of Mr. Porteous, intimating his resignation, was read by the Clerk.

The Board agreed to accept Mr. Porteous's resignation, in terms of his letter, viz., as taking effect from the end of July 1878. They further instructed the Clerk to express to Mr. Porteous their sense of his long and valuable services to the cause of education in Edinburgh, and especially in the Canongate district.

The Board agreed to grant Mr. Porteous a pension of £40 per annum out of the School Fund, dating from 1st August 1878.

The Chairman reported that he and the visitors of Dean School had dismissed the Janitor of that School, and appointed John Fraser, one of the Assistants of the Compulsory Officer, in his place.

Read letter from Mr. Andrew, St. Leonard's School, enclosing letter from Miss Thallon, assistant in the School, applying for an increase of Salary. The Board declined to grant this application.

The Report of H. M. Inspector on Roseburn School was read.

Read letter from Mr. Swanston, Stockbridge School, reporting that James Bruce, one of the Pupil-Teachers, had inflicted punishment on one of the pupils, and asking that he be dismissed from the School. The Board agreed to dismiss James Bruce at once, and to pay his Salary until the end of February.

Read letter from Dr. Robertson, West Fountainbridge School, asking the Board to make inquiry whether certain children should not be withheld from presentation in the 1st and 2d Standards. The Clerk was instructed to write Dr. Robertson that the Board had resolved to enforce in all cases the rule of the Scotch Education Department, viz., to present every child who made the required number of attendances; and also to remind Dr. Robertson that it was his duty to see that all the children of the School received their proper share of education.

It was agreed to provide a Harmonium in Dalry School.

It was agreed not to continue the services of Mr. Grant, as Singing-Master in Roseburn School, after the removal of the Juvenile Department of Roseburn School to Dalry.

It was agreed to close Ponton Street School as soon as convenient after Dalry School is opened.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX No. I.
RETURN OF ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS for Four Weeks ending 1st February 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 1st Feb. 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Bristol, ...	780	467	1247	728	332	1060	477	160	637	65.5	48.1	60.
Causewayside, ...	463	289	752	354	211	565	316	177	493	80.2	83.8	87.25
Dean, ...	244	188	432	215	153	368	172	129	301	80.	84.3	81.79
Deanhaugh Street, ...	226	251	477	191	200	391	156	144	300	81.6	72.	76.72
Holyrood, ...	199	266	465	199	174	373	153	143	296	76.8	82.1	79.35
Leith Walk, ...	758	406	1164	676	324	1000	539	222	761	79.7	68.5	76.1
New Street, ...	940	481	1421	702	374	1076	602	253	855	85.7	67.9	79.46
Pontoon Street, ...	181	"	181	134	"	134	120	"	120	89.55	"	89.55
Roseburn, ...	216	156	372	237	98	335	204	83	287	86.	84.6	85.67
St. Leonard's, ...	676	501	1177	554	428	982	433	224	657	78.1	52.3	66.9
Stockbridge, ...	491	335	826	439	300	739	370	184	554	84.2	61.3	74.96
Victoria Terrace, ...	229	199	428	170	150	320	130	105	235	76.4	70.	73.4
West Fountainbridge, ...	752	430	1182	671	377	1048	587	309	896	87.4	81.9	85.4
West Port, ...	182	229	411	157	136	293	130	105	235	82.8	77.2	80.2
Corresponding period last year,												
	6337	4198	10535	5427	3257	8684	4389	2238	6627	80.87	68.71	76.31
	5587	3910	9497	4829	2923	7752	3995	2268	6263	82.72	77.59	80.79

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 1st Feb. 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
St. Mary's District—												
St. John's, York Lane (Girls),	163	264	427	133	156	289	113	131	244	84.9	83.9	84.42
St. Andrew's, Maryfield (Boys),	207	...	207	171	...	171	147	...	147	85.96	...	85.96
St. Patrick's District—												
St. Mary's, Lothian Street (Girls),	197	...	197	150	...	150	130	...	130	86.66	...	86.66
" " (Infants),	...	285	285	...	191	191	...	125	125	...	65.44	65.44
St. Ann's, Nidry Street (Girls),	283	396	679	185	227	412	140	118	258	75.6	51.9	62.62
St. Patrick's, Cowgate (Boys),	360	...	360	253	...	253	220	...	220	86.95	...	86.95
Sacred Heart District—												
Glen Street, Lauriston (Boys),	165	...	165	153	...	153	137	...	137	89.54	...	89.54
" " (Girls),	201	...	201	153	...	153	130	...	130	84.96	...	84.96
" " (Infants),	...	230	230	...	180	180	...	150	150	...	83.33	83.33
Corresponding period last year, .	1576	1175	2751	1198	754	1952	1017	524	1541	84.88	69.49	78.94
	1717	1106	2825	1178	790	1968	935	546	1481	79.37	69.11	75.25

APPENDIX No. III.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at Eight Non-Board Schools for Four Weeks ending 1st February 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 1st Feb. 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Canongate Burgh, ...	187	228	415	165	194	359	136	133	269	82.4	68.5	74.93
St. Cuthbert's Industrial, ...	96	...	96	74	...	74	70	...	70	94.59	...	94.59
Lady Glenorchy's, ...	214	161	375	197	90	287	139	64	203	70.5	71.1	70.73
Pleasance, Infant, ...	...	208	208	...	181	181	...	120	120	...	66.29	66.29
Trinity Episcopal, ...	250	300	550	160	226	394	124	166	290	73.8	73.4	73.6
Greenside, Dr. Bell's, ...	316	114	430	269	66	335	243	49	292	90.3	74.2	87.16
Fountainbridge Free Church, ...	101	84	185	196	134	330	139	84	223	70.9	62.6	67.57
Blind Asylum, ...	46	...	46	46	...	46	44	...	44	95.65	...	95.65
TOTAL,	1210	1095	2305	1115	891	2006	895	616	1511	80.26	69.13	75.32
Corresponding period last year for six Schools, ...	1028	890	1918	924	641	1565	720	459	1179	77.92	71.6	75.33

APPENDIX No. I.
RETURN OF ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS for Four Weeks ending 1st February 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 1st Feb. 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Bristol, ...	780	467	1247	728	332	1060	477	160	637	65.5	48.1	60.
Causewayside, ...	463	289	752	354	211	565	316	177	493	89.2	83.8	87.25
Dean, ...	244	188	432	215	153	368	172	129	301	80.	84.3	81.79
Deanhaugh Street, ...	226	251	477	191	200	391	156	144	300	81.6	72.	76.72
Holyrood, ...	199	266	465	199	174	373	153	143	296	76.8	82.1	79.35
Leith Walk, ...	758	406	1164	676	324	1000	539	222	761	79.7	68.5	76.1
New Street, ...	940	481	1421	702	374	1076	602	253	855	85.7	67.9	79.46
Pontoon Street, ...	181	"	181	134	"	134	120	"	120	89.55	"	89.55
Roseburn, ...	216	156	372	237	98	335	204	83	287	86.	84.6	85.67
St. Leonard's, ...	676	501	1177	554	428	982	433	224	657	78.1	52.3	66.9
Stockbridge, ...	491	335	826	439	300	739	370	184	554	84.2	61.3	74.96
Victoria Terrace, ...	229	199	428	170	150	320	130	105	235	76.4	70.	73.4
West Fountainbridge, ...	752	430	1182	671	377	1048	587	309	896	87.4	81.9	85.4
West Port, ...	182	229	411	157	136	293	130	105	235	82.8	77.2	80.2
	6337	4198	10535	5427	3257	8684	4389	2238	6627	80.87	68.71	76.31
Corresponding period last year,	5587	3910	9497	4829	2923	7752	3995	2268	6263	82.72	77.59	80.79

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at Nine ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS for Four Weeks ending 1st February 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since school opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 1st Feb. 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
St. Mary's District—												
St. John's, York Lane (Girls),	163	204	427	133	156	289	113	131	244	84.9	83.9	84.42
St. Andrew's, Maryfield (Boys),	207	...	207	171	...	171	147	...	147	85.96	...	85.96
St. Patrick's District—												
St. Mary's, Lothian Street (Girls),	197	...	197	150	...	150	130	...	130	86.66	...	86.66
" " (Infants),	...	285	285	...	191	191	...	125	125	...	65.44	65.44
St. Ann's, Niddry Street (Girls),	283	396	679	185	227	412	140	118	258	75.6	51.9	62.62
St. Patrick's, Cowgate (Boys),	360	...	360	253	...	253	220	...	220	86.95	...	86.95
Sacred Heart District—												
Glen Street, Lauriston (Boys),	165	...	165	153	...	153	137	...	137	89.54	...	89.54
" " (Girls),	201	...	201	153	...	153	130	...	130	84.96	...	84.96
" " (Infants),	...	230	230	...	180	180	...	150	150	...	83.33	83.33
Corresponding period last year, .	1576	1175	2751	1198	754	1952	1017	524	1541	84.88	69.49	78.94
	1717	1106	2825	1178	790	1968	935	546	1481	79.37	69.11	75.25

APPENDIX No. III.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at Eight Non-Board Schools for Four Weeks ending 1st February 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 1st Feb. 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Canongate Burgh,	187	228	415	165	104	359	136	133	269	82.4	68.5	74.93
St. Cuthbert's Industrial, .	96	...	96	74	...	74	70	...	70	94.59	...	94.59
Lady Glenorchy's, .	214	161	375	197	90	287	139	64	203	70.5	71.1	70.73
Pleasance, Infant, .	...	208	208	181	181	181	...	120	120	...	66.29	66.29
Trinity Episcopal, .	250	300	550	168	226	394	124	166	290	73.8	73.4	73.6
Greenside, Dr. Bell's, .	316	114	430	269	66	335	243	49	292	90.3	74.2	87.16
Fountainbridge Free Church, .	101	84	185	196	134	330	139	84	223	70.9	62.6	67.57
Blind Asylum, .	46	...	46	46	...	46	44	...	44	95.65	...	95.65
TOTAL,	1210	1095	2305	1115	891	2006	895	616	1511	80.26	69.13	75.32
Corresponding period last year for { the Schools	1028	890	1918	924	641	1565	720	450	1179	77.92	71.6	75.33

APPENDIX No. IV.

MONTHLY RETURN *of the number of Pupils on the Roll
and in Attendance at GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL
SCHOOLS on 20th January 1878.*

SCHOOLS.	No. Fixed.	On the Roll.	Average Number Attending.		No. Left.	Per cent. Absent.	Schedules in hands of Teachers.
			Week- Day.	Sunday.			
1. Heriot Bridge, . .	318	286	256	...	5	11	...
2. Cowgate Port, . .	330	330	295	...	6	10	20
3. High School Yards, .	330	334	289	...	8	13	60
4. Old Assembly Close, .	320	319	285	...	8	12	23
5. Borthwick Close, . .	320	320	295	...	9	7	27
6. Brown Square, . .	240	246	208	...	8	16	32
7. Rose Street, . . .	326	289	286	...	16	8	...
8. Broughton, . . .	250	246	220	...	14	11	14
9. Abbeyhill, . . .	320	320	280	...	4	11	12
10. Arthur Street, . .	320	316	280	...	4	11	41
11. Grindlay Street, . .	290	286	274	...	6	5	12
12. Stockbridge, . . .	*	†274	235	...	3	7	...
INFANT SCHOOLS—							
13. High School Yards, .	185	127	120	...	67	13	3
14. Rose Street, . . .	170	77	64	...	...	15	...
15. Broughton, . . .	160	88	76	...	36	14	...
16. Victoria Street, and Sup- plementary Class, .	{ 180 130 }	226	175	...	2	21	...
17. Abbeyhill, . . .	170						
18. Davie Street, . .	180	140	131	...	71	7	37
19. Stockbridge, . . .	*	† 51	46	...	...	4	...
	4539	4399	3931	...	338	11	281

* Not yet fixed by Education Committee.

† These Schools are in course of being filled up.

APPENDIX No. V.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at* PUBLIC EVENING CLASSES
for Four Weeks ending 31st January 1878.

	Enrolled since School opened in September.	Average No. on Roll for Four Weeks ending 31st January 1878.	Average Nightly Attendance for same period.	Percentage present for same period.
FOR YOUNG MEN.				
1. St. Leonard's, ...	110	56	39	69·64
2. New Street, ...	135	49	40	81·63
3. Leith Walk, ...	125	31	20	64·51
4. Stockbridge, ...	152	49	32	65·3
5. West Fountainbridge, ...	201	75	60	80·
	723	260	191	73·46
FOR YOUNG WOMEN.				
1. Nicolson Square, ...	109	59	48	81·35
2. Stockbridge, ...	51	25	18	72·
	160	84	66	78·57
TOTAL (Male and Female), . . .	883	344	257	74·7

APPENDIX No. VI.

MONTHLY RETURN *of the number of Pupils on the Roll*
and in Attendance at GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL
 EVENING CLASSES *on 20th January 1878.*

Name of School and Subject of Instruction.	On the Roll.	Average Number Attending.	No. Left.
Brown Square—			
1. Arithmetic, ...	55	32	7
2. English Grammar and Composition, . .	30	22	5
Broughton Street—			
3. Writing and Book-keeping, ...	29	20	1
4. Shorthand, ...		25	...
Rose Street—			
5. French	26	17	...
Victoria Street—			
6. Drawing, ...	48	34	2
7. Drawing, ...	45	34	5
ELEMENTARY CLASSES.			
FOR MALES—			
8. Heriot Bridge, ...	76	54	8
9. High School Yards, ...	85	62	10
10. Rose Street, ...	86	68	...
11. Abbeyhill, ...	62	31	13
12. Davie Street, ...	114	53	34
FOR FEMALES—			
13. Cowgate Port, ...	94	69	38
	795	521	123

MINUTE OF MEETING
OF
EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD

HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, 13th MARCH 1878.

AT a Meeting of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD, held in the
Offices of the BOARD, No. 9 South Castle Street, on
*Wednesday, the 13th day of March 1878, at Three
o'clock P.M. :*

Present,—

Rev. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., *Chairman.*

DAVID DICKSON, Esq.

J. GOWANS, Esq.

Rev. WM. ADAMSON.

Rev. ALEX. WILLIAMSON.

Rev. GEORGE RIGG.

J. DICK PEDDIE, Esq.

JOHN TAWSE, Esq.

JOHN CLAPPERTON, Esq.

J. GUTHRIE SMITH, Esq.

THOMAS HARVEY, Esq., LL.D.

Miss PHOEBE BLYTH.

Miss FLORA C. STEVENSON.

The Minute of the last Ordinary Meeting was held as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The Minute of the Special Meeting held on 2d March, in the Police Court-room, was approved.

The Chairman read the report of the Committee on School Management as follows :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT.

The Committee adopted the following resolution regarding the Factories and Workshops Bill recently before Parliament, and instructed the Clerk to send Copies to the School Board of Glasgow, and to the Scotch Members of Parliament, viz. :—

“The Board have found some difficulty in enforcing the Compulsory Clauses of the Education Act against parents who employ their children in street traffic—*i.e.*, selling newspapers, etc. Usually these children are on the roll of some school, but attend very irregularly in the afternoon. The Board would find it easier to compel their attendance at school, if it were made illegal for any child under 11 years of age, or who had not passed the 4th Standard in an inspected school, to work for gain during school hours—*i.e.*, in Edinburgh, from 9 A.M. till 3.30 P.M.

“The Board would gladly see measures taken to prevent very young children from working for gain by street traffic, or otherwise, during late hours. They do not, however, feel entitled to take active steps towards securing an object, however desirable in itself, which is outside the limits of their Statutory duty, viz., the effective administration in this city of the provisions of the Education Act.”

The Committee appointed Miss Jane Mitchell Assistant in West Fountainbridge School, in room of Miss Catherine Andrew, resigned.

The Committee agreed to recommend the following Lady Visitors for Dalry School, viz., Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Mackenzie, and Miss Balfour.

It was agreed to recommend Mrs. Norman M'Pherson as an additional Lady Visitor for Dean School, in room of Mrs. Cunningham resigned.

The Committee instructed the Clerk and Mr. Wilson, Superintendent of Works, to make the necessary changes at Roseburn School, in order to fit it for an Infant School.

The Clerk was instructed to intimate to Miss Donaldson, Roseburn School, that no child can be admitted to the School who was seven years of age on the 1st January last.

It was agreed to give the use of the large Hall in Bristo School to the Teachers' Association for a Lecture by Professor Meiklejohn, on March 2.

The Committee had before them the remit of the Board regarding Salaries, etc. It was agreed to recommend the Board to delay consideration of the remit in the meantime.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Convener*.

The Report was approved. It was agreed to memorialise the Magistrates and Town-Council, with a view to get embodied in their new Police Bill clauses regulating the employment of children of school age who are engaged in street traffic. It was remitted to the School Management Committee to carry this into effect.

Miss Stevenson read the Report of the Committee on School Attendance. The following is the Report :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The Committee appointed Mr. John Fife, assistant to the Compulsory Officer, in room of Mr. John Fraser, lately appointed Janitor at Dean School.

The Committee had before them a Report on the work done by the Joint Committee of the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, of which the following is a summary :—

SESSION 1877-78.

Cases formerly Reported and disposed of thus :—

Food granted to . . .	40	Families, representing	87	Children.
Food and Clothing, . . .	7	"	10	"
Clothing only, . . .	1	"	3	"
Total in which Relief granted, . . .	48	"	100	"
Referred to Parish, . . .	6	"	16	"
Delayed, . . .	7	"	10	"
Refused, . . .	1	"	2	"
Removed to Poorhouse, . .	1	"	3	"
Left the City, . . .	1	"	2	"
Referred to Destitute Sick Society, . . .	1	"	2	"
	65	"	135	"

Cases not formerly Reported :—

Granted food to	36 Children.
Granted Clothing to	7 „
Granted Food and Clothing, ...	17 „
Referred to Parish, ...	6 „
Refused, ...	6 „
Delayed, ...	3 „
	75 „

The Committee had before them a Report of the Sub-Committee on the examination of children under thirteen years of age, who wished to be passed for attending Evening Classes. From the Report it appears that between 24th September 1877 and 22d January 1878, there were 190 children examined, of whom 162 were passed, and 28 refused. Of the 28 children refused, 19 have gone to Day-schools, 7 are now above 13 years of age, and 2 have not yet gone to any school.

In the cases of 4 children who formerly had been passed for evening classes, the Committee withdrew the privilege on account of irregular attendance; these children are now attending Day-schools.

The Committee instructed the Clerk to call a Meeting of the Board, to be held in the Police Court-Room, on Saturday, March 2, to consider the cases of Defaulting Parents, and authorised the Convener to prepare the list for the meeting.

FLORA C. STEVENSON, *Convener*.

The Report was approved.

Bailie Tawse read the following Report of the Committee on Finance :—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee authorised the Treasurer to pay the Teachers and Pupil-Teachers of St. Leonard's, Leith Walk, and St. Bernard's Schools the grants earned by these schools at the Examination in May 1877, under the Science and Art Department, together with an equal sum from the School Fund.

The Committee had before them the following accounts connected with extra work on the foundation of North Canongate School, certified by the Architect as correct, and remitted by the Committee on Building to this Committee, viz. :—

To Mason, ...	£464 13 7
„ Joiner, ...	2 6 10
„ Plumber, ...	1 8 0
	£468 8 5

The Committee instructed the Treasurer to pay these accounts.

It was agreed to accept the estimate of Mr. D. Greig, dated 6th March, amounting to £17, for providing forms for Leith Walk School.

The Committee passed various accounts.

JOHN TAWSE, *Convener*.

The Report was approved.

Mr. Adamson read the following Report of the Committee on Evening Schools :—

COMMITTEE ON EVENING SCHOOLS.

The Committee have to report that the Winter Session of the Evening Classes closed during the course of last week, and that certificates were distributed to those pupils who had passed the Government Examination.

The following Table shows the results of the work of the Session :—

	Number enrolled during the Ses- sion.	Average number on the Roll for Session.	Average nightly attend- ance for Session.	Number presen- ted for Examina- tion.	Number of Certifi- cates awarded.
FOR YOUNG MEN.					
St. Leonard's, ...	111	63	45	33	19
New Street, ...	145	60	49	33	17
Leith Walk, ...	125	50	34	9	13
Stockbridge, ...	153	79	41	25	13
West Fountainbridge, ...	202	94	77	34	28
	736	346	246	134	90
FOR YOUNG WOMEN.					
Bristo, ...	113	62	52	49	36
Stockbridge, ...	51	26	21	19	10
West Fountainbridge (three months),	37	26	22	.	.
	201	114	95	68	46
TOTAL (Male and Female), . . .	937	460	341	202	136
Session 1876-77, ...	788	354	284	157	116

Of the 202 examined, 201 passed in Reading, 175 passed in Writing, and 162 passed in Arithmetic. Of the 157 last Session, all passed in Reading, 125 in Writing, and 115 in Arithmetic.

It was agreed to appoint Mr. Peattie to Bristo (Girls), Summer Class ; and Mr. George Robertson to New Street (Boys), Summer Class.

WILLIAM ADAMSON, *Convener*.

The Report was approved.

The Chairman read the Report of Committee on High School as follows :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGH SCHOOL.

The Committee had before them a Report by Dr. Donaldson regarding the Luncheon Room for the School. The Committee remitted to the Chairman and Dr. Donaldson to carry out the necessary alterations, the cost not to exceed £40. The room, when so altered, to be let at a rent of £6 per annum.

The Committee had before them the following proposals of the Masters of the High School in regard to Examinations of the School, submitted by the Rector, viz. :—

- 1st, That the first three classes should be examined and reported on by the Rector of the School.
- 2d, That the Examiners appointed for the other classes should in all cases be Professors in the University, and that the same Examiners should be appointed for a term, say, of three years.
- 3d, That the Examination of the Classes should be conducted both by the Examiner and by the Master in presence of the Examiner.
- 4th, That where it is felt necessary to have written papers, the nature and extent of such written examination should be fixed after consultation between the Examiner and individual Master.

The Committee agreed to recommend that the Rector be asked to examine and report on the junior classes, and that for this year Professors Eggeling, Kelland, and Masson be asked to visit the School, and report on the senior classes.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Convener*.

The Report was approved.

Bailie Tawse read the Report of the Special Committee on Books, Apparatus, etc. :—

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BOOKS,
APPARATUS, Etc.

The Committee accepted the estimate of Messrs. W. R. Clapperton and Co. for supplying black-boards and other articles of apparatus for Dalry School.

The Committee, after consultation with the Head-Masters, agreed to recommend to the Board that the supply of the following articles of Apparatus and Books should be contracted for, viz. :—

Maps,	Johnston's and Stanford's.
Class Registers,	Ritchie's.
Wall Illustrations,	Oliver & Boyd's, Cameron's, and Reynold's.
Reading Books,	Nelson's.
Other School Books,	Nelson's, and Collins'.
Copy-Books,	Collins', and M'Niven & Cameron's.

The Committee further took estimates for these articles, and recommend that the estimate of Messrs. MacLaren and Macniven, of date

2d March, be accepted, and that the estimate continue in force till 31st December next.

The Committee remitted to Mr. Wilson and the Visitors of Roseburn School, with powers, to provide furniture for the Teachers' rooms in Dalry School.

The Committee agreed to recommend that the pay of the Janitors be at the rate of 42s. per week, out of which sum they will have to pay cleaners' wages, and provide all necessary cleaning material. The Board at the outset to supply a complete set of cleaning utensils, etc., which the Janitors thereafter will have to keep up.

They further recommend that where Evening Classes are held in the School premises an additional sum of 2s. 6d. per week be allowed to the Janitors.

In cases where no Janitors' houses are provided, an allowance of 7s. 10d. per week be made, in lieu of rent, coal, and gas.

They recommend to the Board the following Rules as to the duties of Janitors :—

1. To take charge of the whole of the School premises, and to keep in a state of thorough cleanliness, under the direction of the Head Teachers, and to the satisfaction of the Lady Managers and Head Teachers, the various rooms, with all the property contained in them, and also the staircases, lavatories, cellars, offices, and play-grounds, and to perform such other duties of this description as may from time to time arise.

2. To get all the floors of both school-rooms and class-rooms, and all the lavatories, staircases, and lobbies thoroughly washed over with hot water at least once every two weeks, and all the floors of rooms, lavatories, lobbies, and staircases swept out, and the seats, desks, and other school furniture dusted every day.

3. To keep the basins in the lavatories at all times thoroughly clean. To flush out the water-closet troughs at least twice a day in cold weather, viz., after the morning and evening dismissals, and oftener in hot weather. To flush out the urinals twice a day, and to observe the utmost attention to the water-closets and urinals generally.

4. To pay particular attention to the apertures leading to the drains, whether from lavatories, water-closets, or gratings, and to prevent the introduction of foreign substances likely to choke up the drains. To report immediately any bad smells arising from the drains.

5. To see that the School doors are opened and closed at the appointed times, and that the children do not loiter about the premises after dismissal.

6. To light fires in cold weather before the assembling of the children, and to provide each room with a sufficient supply of coal for the day's use.

7. To be economical in the use of coals and gas, and to avoid burning any unnecessarily. When the rooms are to be cleaned at night, it is not necessary that gas should be burned in any but the rooms which are actually being cleaned at the time; and fires, of course, should only be allowed to burn when they are necessary for actual use.

8. In hot weather the windows should be opened before the admission of the children, and after their exit, so as to ensure a complete change of air. The blinds should be attended to when the rooms are empty, so that the sun may be prevented from beating on the furniture.

9. To examine the ball-cocks and water-fittings at least once a

week, in order to prevent any waste of water; and periodically to cleanse out the water cisterns.

10. Any repairs required to the building or furniture, or any defect in the water and gas fittings, should be immediately reported to the Head-Master, so that he may at once communicate with the Office.

11. To prevent any Notices or Posters being placed upon the Schools, except those in connection with the work of the Schools.

12. To do any other duties that may be required of them.

JOHN TAWSE, *Convener*.

The Report was approved.

Mr. Gowans read the Report, which follows, of the Committee on Building:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUILDING.

The Committee agreed to recommend that a boiler be put in the lavatory of the Infant Department of Dalry School.

It was agreed to recommend that a Janitor's box should be put in the west lavatory, and a boiler in the east lavatory on the street floor of North Canongate School.

It was agreed to ask estimates from Mr. Beattie for glass screens with sliding doors to cross the Halls of the Infant Departments of Dalry and North Canongate Schools.

The Committee remitted to the Finance Committee certain accounts certified by Mr. Beattie for extra work in connection with North Canongate School.

It was agreed to ask sketch-plan and estimates for a Janitor's house at Dalry School, the total cost not to exceed £400.

JAMES GOWANS, *Convener*.

The Report was approved. It was remitted to the Committee to get water-taps fitted in each of the lavatories, and a sink in the lavatory of the Infant Department of Dalry School.

It was agreed to delay, in the meantime, the erection of glass screens with sliding doors in the halls of the Infant Departments of Dalry and North Canongate Schools.

It was agreed to erect a Janitor's house at Dalry School. The complete cost of the erecting, and all necessary finishings and fittings, not to exceed £400.

Mr. Gowans read the Report on the Schools in the course of erection as follows:—

Dalry School: This School was opened on Monday, the 18th February last. Except the works which were only temporarily done in the playground and footpath, the building is all but complete.

North Canongate School: Considerable progress has been made with the mason-work during the past month, and if the favourable weather continues, the building will soon be ready for roofing-in.

JAMES GOWANS.

The Report was approved.

The Report of the Compulsory Officer, for the four weeks, was laid on the Table as follows:—

COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT for the FOUR WEEKS ending
March 2, 1878.

Abstract of Statistics for the Eight Districts.

Total number of Children visited during the Four Weeks
ending March 2, ... 3360

Of the above number there are :—

Dead, ...	2
Above age, ...	36
Incurable, ...	3
Left the City, ...	26
Removed to other parts of the City	62
Gone to School, ...	1434
Absent through Temporary Causes, ...	1797
	3360

Of the number Absent through Temporary Causes, there
are :—

Refractory, ...	3
Sick, ...	923
Wanting Clothing, ...	16
Unable to pay Fees, ...	39
Considered too young, ...	17
Absent from want of Accommodation, ...	...
Under promise to send, ...	799
	1797

N.B.—Of the 1797 Absent, 1090 are returned over seven years of age, and 707 under seven.

Of the 923 returned Sick, 5 are Fever cases, 3 Hooping-Cough, and 168 Measles ; these include Children prevented from attending School owing to some member of the family having Fever, Hooping-Cough, or Measles.

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
EDINBURGH, March 7, 1878.

RETURN OF DEFAULTING PARENTS summoned before the School
Board on the 2d February 1878, and not disposed of in previous
Report.

To be—

Prosecuted.—4 Parents with 4 Children, of whom there are now
regular at School 2 ; gone to Mars Ship 1 ; not sent 1.
Total, ... 4

To be—

Prosecuted Conditionally.—2 Parents with 2 Children ; 1 is now
regular at School, and 1 sick. Total, ... 2

To be—

Delayed.—4 Parents with 4 Children ; they are now regular at
School. Total, ... 4

TOTAL, ... 10

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
7th March 1878.

RETURN OF DEFAULTING PARENTS summoned before the
School Board on the 2d March 1878.

To be—

Prosecuted.—13 Parents with 18 Children ; of whom there are now
regular at School 12—not sent to school 5—sick 1.
Total, ... 18

To be—

Prosecuted Conditionally.—12 Parents with 18 Children ; of whom
there are now regular at School 15—not sent 2—sick 1—
Total, ... 18

To be—

Delayed.—8 Parents with 10 Children ; of whom there are now
regular at School 7—not sent 3. Total, ... 10

TOTAL, 46

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
7th March 1878.

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT on Evening School Attendance of
Children under 13 years of age.

Seven Evening Schools under the Board were visited regularly each
week between the 7th February and 7th March 1878, when the
Rolls were examined. The result is as follows:—

Boys regular, ...	48	
„ irregular, ...	4	
„ above 13 years of age, ...	2	
„ sick, ...	...	
„ left town, ...	...	
„ gone to Day-school, ...	1	
	<u>55</u>	
Girls regular, ...	35	
„ irregular, ...	3	
„ above 13 years of age, ...	1	
„ gone to Day-school, ...	...	
	<u>39</u>	
Total, ...	94	

Thirteen Non-Board Evening Schools were visited same as above.
The result is as follows :—

Boys regular, ...	21	
„ irregular, ...	5	
„ gone to Day-school, ...	...	
„ above 13 years of age, ...	...	
	—	26
Girls regular, ...	10	
„ irregular, ...	1	
„ above 13 years of age, ...	1	
„ sick, ...	3	
„ gone to Day-school, ...	...	
	—	15
Total, ...	41	

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
7th March 1878.

The Report was remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

The Monthly Returns of School Attendance, of which the following is an Abstract, was laid on the Table :—

ABSTRACT RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at 15 Board Schools; 9 Roman Catholic Schools; 8 Non-Board Schools; 19 Heriot Schools; and 20 Evening Classes, for Four Weeks ending 1st March 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for Four Weeks ending 1st March 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.
I.—DAY SCHOOLS.												
15 Board Schools, ...	6905	4458	11363	5840	3485	9275	4895	2597	7492	83'81	75'6	80'77
9 Roman Catholic Schools, ...	1377	1348	2625	1020	752	1772	894	518	1412	87'64	68'88	79'68
8 Non-Board Schools, ...	1366	1217	2583	1130	835	1965	951	574	1525	84'15	68'74	77'6
19 Heriot Schools, ...	..	..	4539	..	..	4454	..	..	3863	..	..	86'73
II.—EVENING CLASSES.												
BOARD SCHOOLS.												
5 for young Men, ...	..	..	736	..	..	214	..	..	158	..	..	73'83
2 „ Women, ...	..	..	164	..	..	83	..	..	71	..	..	77'1
13 Heriot	..	..	..	..	..	669	..	..	472	..	..	70'55

[The Returns are printed in full as Appendix.]

The Returns were remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

The Chairman reported that Dalry School was opened on 18th February, and that the children of the Juvenile Department of Roseburn School had been transferred to it. The Chairman further reported that Ponton Street School had been closed on 1st March.

The Chairman read a letter from the Secretary of the Scotch Education Department, dated 23d February 1878, regarding alterations in the Scotch Code, 1878, recommended by the Board at a former meeting. It was agreed that the alterations should be forwarded to the Members of Parliament for the City, with an urgent request to bring the matter again before the Department, or to take such steps as would secure their being given effect to, provided the alterations commended themselves to Mr. McLaren and Mr. Cowan as necessary and wise.

The Chairman read a letter, of date 19th February 1878, from Mr. Porteous, expressing his acquiescence in the decision of the Board, in regard to his resignation as Second Master of New Street School.

Mr. Adamson gave notice of the following motion, viz. :—"That Richardson's Temperance Lesson Book be added to the list of Books which may be used in our Schools."

Mr. Dickson gave notice of the following motion, viz. :—"That in consequence of the successful and beneficial results of the Penny Savings Bank at New Street School, as reported by Mr. Bauchope, the Headmaster, the Board sanction its continuance. Further, that power be given to the School Management Committee to receive and dispose of applications from Head-masters for the institution of Savings Banks in any of the other Public Schools, on the same conditions as formerly sanctioned in the case of New Street School."

PRIVATE.

Her Majesty's Inspector's Report on Bristo School was submitted to the Meeting, and remitted to the Committee on School Work.

A Statement of the Surplus Income of Roseburn School, for the year ended 31st December 1877, was laid before the Meeting, showing a Balance in favour of the School of £155, 12s. 6d. It was agreed to allocate this sum as follows, viz. :—Mr. Martin, £100; Miss Donaldson, £50, 12s. 6d; and Mr. Grant, Singing-Master, £5.

A letter, dated 8th March, from John Hope, Esq., asking the use of the High School Playground for drilling the British League Cadets, was read. It was agreed to grant him the use of the playground on the same conditions as in former years.

It was agreed to appoint Miss Stevenson and Mr. Dick Peddie Visitors of Dalry School.

It was agreed to fix the High School Holidays in connection with the Spring Fast, from 3 o'clock on the 24th April, till Monday, 6th May, at 9 o'clock.

The Clerk was instructed to communicate with Mr. David Greig, Builder, Spittalfield Crescent, in regard to a piece of ground belonging to him at Spittalfield, with a view to ascertain whether it would be a suitable site for a School.

The Board agreed to grant Mr. Mackinnon, the Clerk, leave of absence for a fortnight on account of his illness.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX NO. I.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS for Four Weeks ending 1st March 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average Number on Roll for 4 weeks ending 1st March 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infanta.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infanta.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infanta.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infanta.	Total.
Bristo, ...	800	482	1282	707	334	1041	526	218	744	74.4	65.2	75.46
Causewayaide, ...	469	300	769	402	255	657	345	225	570	85.8	88.2	86.75
Dairy (for 2 Weeks), ...	376	153	529	348	135	483	331	119	450	95.1	88.1	93.16
Dean, ...	286	168	454	255	138	393	196	129	325	76.8	93.4	82.69
Deanhaugh Street, ...	227	252	479	183	188	371	153	119	272	83.6	63.2	73.13
Holyrood, ...	203	279	482	201	200	401	156	142	298	77.6	71.	74.31
Leith Walk, ...	769	416	1185	683	330	1013	519	213	732	75.9	64.5	72.26
New Street (inc. Stevenlaw's Close), ...	979	504	1483	727	388	1115	622	292	914	85.5	75.2	81.07
Pontion Street, ...	192	...	192	149	...	149	138	...	138	92.61	...	92.61
Roseburn, ...	216	162	378	224	71	295	210	62	272	93.7	87.3	92.2
St. Leonard's, ...	702	507	1209	555	413	968	450	283	733	81.	68.5	75.72
Stockbridge, ...	496	345	841	434	291	725	369	212	581	85.	72.8	80.13
Victoria Terrace, ...	234	206	440	172	151	323	143	119	262	83.1	78.8	81.11
West Fountainbridge, ...	761	442	1203	634	393	1027	597	338	935	94.1	86.	91.
West Port, ...	195	242	437	166	148	314	140	126	266	84.3	85.1	84.71
Total,	6905	4458	11,363	5840	3435	9275	4895	2597	7492	83.81	75.6	80.77
Corresponding period last year,	5733	4078	9811	4971	2867	7838	4286	2312	6558	86.22	80.64	84.17

APPENDIX No. II.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at Nine ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS for Four Weeks ending 1st March 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 1st March 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
St. Mary's District—												
St. John's, York Lane, Girls.	164	274	438	131	170	301	113	144	257	86.2	84.7	85.38
St. Andrew's, Maryfield, Boys.	210	...	210	170	...	170	146	...	146	85.88	...	85.88
St. Patrick's District—												
St. Mary's, Lothian Street, Girls.	196	...	196	152	...	152	143	...	143	94.07	...	94.07
" Ann's, Niddry Street, .	...	295	295	...	201	201	...	130	130	...	64.67	64.67
St. Patrick's, Cowgate, Boys.	390	410	410	...	228	228	...	126	126	...	55.26	55.26
Sacred Heart District—												
Glen Street, Lauriston, Boys.	192	...	192	157	...	157	139	...	139	88.53	...	88.53
" " Girls,	226	...	226	161	...	161	138	...	138	85.71	...	85.71
" " Infants,	...	269	269	...	153	153	...	118	118	...	77.12	77.12
Total,	1377	1248	2625	1020	752	1772	894	518	1412	87.64	68.88	79.68
Corresponding period last year,	1785	1186	2971	1187	776	1963	974	566	1540	82.05	72.93	78.45

APPENDIX No. III.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at Eight Non-Board Schools for Four Weeks ending 1st March 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 1st March 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Canongate Burgh, ...	187	240	427	162	194	356	129	124	253	79.6	63.9	71.06
St. Cuthbert's Industrial, ...	99	...	99	80	...	80	76	...	76	95.	...	95.
Lady Glenorchy's, ...	216	169	385	203	89	292	149	62	211	73.3	69.6	72.26
Pleasance (Infant), ...	...	231	231	...	185	185	...	120	120	...	64.86	64.86
Trinity Episcopal, ...	262	315	577	185	227	412	154	150	304	83.2	66.	73.78
Greeniside, Dr. Bell's, ...	320	124	444	265	59	324	234	49	283	88.3	83.	87.34
Buccleuch, ...	236	138	374	189	81	270	165	69	234	87.3	85.1	86.66
Blind Asylum, ...	46	...	46	46	...	46	44	...	44	95.65	...	95.65
Total,	1366	1217	2583	1130	835	1965	951	574	1525	84.15	68.74	77.6
Corresponding period last year (for 7 Schools), ...	1172	887	2059	1001	616	1617	856	478	1334	85.51	77.59	82.49

APPENDIX No. IV.

MONTHLY RETURN of the number of Pupils on the Roll
and in Attendance at GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL
SCHOOLS on 20th February 1878.

SCHOOLS.	No. Fixed.	On the Roll.	Average Number Attending.		No. Left.	Per cent. Absent.	Schedules in hands of Teachers.
			Week- Day.	Sunday.			
1. Heriot Bridge, . .	318	280	256	...	7	10	10
2. Cowgate Port, . .	330	334	285	...	12	11	8
3. High School Yards, .	330	331	280	...	7	14	50
4. Old Assembly Close, .	320	324	295	...	6	9	15
5. Borthwick Close, . .	320	320	282	...	8	10	21
6. Brown Square, . .	240	240	200	...	6	15	34
7. Rose Street, . . .	326	286	262	...	24	9	11
8. Broughton, . . .	250	251	220	...	2	9	10
9. Abbeyhill, . . .	320	319	271	...	5	14	12
10. Arthur Street, . .	320	316	284	...	2	10	41
11. Grindlay Street, . .	290	292	282	...	3	3	3
12. Stockbridge, . . .	*	†282	251	...	5	10	19
INFANT SCHOOLS—							
13. High School Yards, .	185	133	97	...	...	24	8
14. Rose Street, . . .	170	79	63	...	...	16	...
15. Broughton, . . .	160	93	69	...	...	20	...
16. Victoria Street, and Sup- plementary Class, .	{ 180 130 }	{ 222 }	172	...	3	19	...
17. Abbeyhill, . . .	170	133	107	...	...	15	2
18. Davie Street, . .	180	164	145	...	...	8	25
19. Stockbridge, . . .	*	† 55	42	...	...	10	...
	4539	4454	3863	...	90	12	269

* Not yet fixed by Education Committee.

† These Schools are in course of being filled up.

APPENDIX No. V.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at* PUBLIC EVENING CLASSES
for Four Weeks ending 28th February 1878.

FOR YOUNG MEN.				
	Enrolled since School opened in September.	Average No. on Roll for Four Weeks ending 28th February 1878.	Average Nightly Attendance for same period.	Percentage present for same period.
1. St. Leonard's, ...	111	43	33	76·74
2. New Street, ...	145	51	34	66·66
3. Leith Walk, ...	125	21	17	80·95
4. Stockbridge, ...	153	36	24	66·66
5. West Fountainbridge, ...	202	63	50	79·36
	736	214	158	73·83
FOR YOUNG WOMEN.				
1. Nicolson Square, ...	113	62	52	83·87
2. Stockbridge, ...	51	21	19	90·47
	164	83	71	85·54
TOTAL (Male and Female), ...	900	297	229	77·1

APPENDIX No. VI.

MONTHLY RETURN *of the number of Pupils on the Roll*
and in Attendance at GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL
 EVENING CLASSES *on 20th February 1878.*

Name of School and Subject of Instruction.	On the Roll	Average Number Attending.	No. Left.
Brown Square—			
1. Arithmetic, ...	41	28	14
2. English Grammar and Composition, . .	24	21	6
Broughton Street—			
3. Writing and Book-keeping, ...	29	21	...
4. Shorthand, ...	45	23	...
Rose Street—			
5. French	26	17	...
Victoria Street—			
6. Drawing, ...	41	32	7
7. Drawing, ...	39	31	6
ELEMENTARY CLASSES.			
FOR MALES—			
8. Heriot Bridge, ...	54	47	22
9. High School Yards, ...	65	33	27
10. Rose Street, ...	65	51	...
11. Abbeyhill, ...	49	36	13
12. Davie Street, ...	100	64	14
FOR FEMALES—			
13. Cowgate Port, ...	93	68	16
	669	472	125

MINUTE OF MEETING

OF

EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD

HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, 10th APRIL 1878.

At a Meeting of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD, held in the
Offices of the BOARD, No. 9 South Castle Street, on
Wednesday, the 10th day of April 1878, at Three
o'clock P.M. :

Present,—

Rev. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., <i>Chairman.</i>	
Rev. JAMES BEGG, D.D.	Rev. WM. ADAMSON.
Rev. GEORGE RIGG.	J. GUTHRIE SMITH, Esq.
THOMAS HARVEY, Esq., LL.D.	DAVID DICKSON, Esq.
JAMES GOWANS, Esq.	Miss FLORA C. STEVENSON.
Miss PHOEBE BLYTH.	

The Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting were held as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The Minute of the Special Meeting held on the 30th March, in the Police Court-room, was approved.

The Chairman read letters of apology for absence from Mr. Dick Peddie and Rev. Mr. Williamson.

The Chairman read the following Report of the Committee on School Management :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT.

The Committee, in terms of the Board's remit, transmitted to the Lord Provost and Magistrates a copy of the Resolution of the Board on the Factories and Workshops Bill. The Chairman, in transmitting the Resolution, explained further the views of the Board in regard to the employment of children as far as affecting their Education, to granting licences to children engaged in street traffic, and the regulation of the hours during which such traffic should be carried on.

The Committee had before them Form IX. for New Street School. The sum of £874, 12s. 3½d. was ordered to be transferred from the rates to the income of the School.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

Miss Stevenson read the Report of the Committee on School Attendance as follows :—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The Committee had a meeting with the Compulsory Officer and his Assistants. In the course of conversation it was brought out that the

working of the Compulsory clauses of the Act was much hindered by the existence of one or two Schools, not under inspection or otherwise certified as efficient, in which no reliable Class Registers are kept, and from which satisfactory returns of the attendance of children cannot be obtained by the officers.

The Committee recommended that this matter be taken into consideration by the Board when considering the Bill for amending the Education (Scotland) Act, 1872, brought into the House of Lords by the Duke of Richmond.

The Committee authorised a Meeting of the Board to be held in the Police Court-room, on Saturday the 30th March, to meet with Defaulting Parents, and remitted to their Convener to revise the list of Defaulting parents.

FLORA C. STEVENSON, *Convener*.

Miss Stevenson also read letter from the Superintendent of the United Industrial School, of date April 5th, regarding applications for the admission of children to that School.

The Report was approved.

Dr. Harvey read the following Report of the Committee on School Work :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL WORK.

The Committee had before them Her Majesty's Inspector's Report on Bristo School, from which it appeared that two of the Monitresses had failed to pass the Candidates' Examination. It was resolved to dispense with the services of Helen Macrae, this being the second year she has failed to pass this examination.

An application from Mr. Philip, Headmaster of Bristo School, was before the Committee, asking for additional Writing Desks. It was agreed to supply the School with three additional Laurie's Writing Desks to accommodate three pupils each, and to sanction the appointment of a Pupil-teacher in the place of Helen Macrae.

An application by Mr. Alexander, Headmaster, Leith Walk School, for an additional Assistant, was considered by the Committee. They agreed to transfer the Second Assistant of the Infant Department to the Juvenile Department, and to appoint a Pupil-teacher to the Infant Department. It was also agreed that the Infant Girls be taught sewing by the staff of the Infant Department, and thus relieve the sewing mistress of that duty.

In regard to the Resolution of the Board at their meeting of 14th November 1877, with respect to the payment to be made to the income of the Schools, on account of pupils who pass in Classics and Mathematics (*Articles 7 and 8 of Report by the Committee on School Work on the teaching of Higher or Specific Subjects, adopted by the Board on 14th November 1877*),—the Committee agreed to recommend the Board to pay to the income of the Schools in which Classics and Mathematics are taught, the sum of 30s. for each pass made by a pupil in either of these subjects. As the Board have already resolved to disregard the requirements of the Code, and to substitute a much higher standard of attainments for passes in these subjects, the Committee recommend the following course :—

IN LATIN.—For the first year, Grammar to the end of the rules of concord, and half of the First Book of Cæsar's *Gallie War*.

For the second year, the whole of the Grammar, including all the Rules of Syntax, and the First Book of Cæsar's *Gallie War*.

For the third year, as above, together with 400 lines of *Virgil*.

IN MATHEMATICS.—For the first year, Algebra, Notation, Addition, Subtraction, *Euclid*, Book I., Prop. 1 to 15 inclusive.

For the second year, Algebra to Simple Equations inclusive; *Euclid*, Book I.

For the third year, Algebra to Quadratic Equations inclusive; *Euclid*, Books I., II., and III.; Elements of Mensuration.

The Committee sanctioned the appointment of the following Pupil-teachers :—

St. Leonard's School.—Elizabeth Hamilton and Hannah Lawson.

Holyrood.—William Stevenson.

Dean.—Ann Wood.

Stockbridge.—Charlotte W. Crawford.

Victoria Terrace.—Isabella Grierson and Mary Wilson.

Dalry.—Catherine Purves, Helen C. Smith, and Sarah L. Munro.

THOMAS HARVEY, *Convener*.

Mr. Adamson moved, and Sheriff Guthrie Smith seconded, that the paragraphs of the Report containing the recommendations of the Committee for the teaching of Latin and Mathematics be deleted, otherwise that the Report be approved.

On a division, the Board agreed by a majority to adopt the Report as it stands.

It was agreed, on the motion of Sheriff Guthrie Smith, seconded by Miss Stevenson, that the question of establishing a separate School for the higher subjects be remitted to the Committee for consideration.

Mr. Gowans read the Report of the Committee on Building :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUILDING.

The Committee instructed the Clerk to ask Mr. Beattie to take additional estimates for the boilers at Dalry and North Canongate Schools—the estimate for Dalry to include the cost of the sink and water-taps ordered to be supplied—and to accept the lowest estimate.

The Committee had before them a Plan prepared by Mr. Beattie, Architect, of proposed Janitor's house at Dalry School. They remitted to Mr. Gowans to consult with the Architect on certain proposed small alterations on the Plan, and instructed the Clerk to ask Mr. Beattie to take estimates from various contractors for the different departments of the work.

The Committee had before them Report by Mr. Wilson, the Superintendent of Buildings, on various repairs, etc. connected with the Schools. The Committee instructed him as follows :—

Stockbridge School.—To substitute for the two circular gas pendants at present in the large upper Hall of the School, pendants with four arms having three lights and a separate stop-cock for each arm. The cost not to exceed 36s. for each pendant.

Leith Walk School.—The Clerk was instructed to ask Mr. Wilson to report as to the drains of this School.

Dean School.—The Committee approved of the repairs ordered by Mr. Wilson to the kitchen-range of the Janitor's house of Dean School, at a cost of £3, 3s.

Roseburn School.—To get the Play-ground gravelled, and the pavement at the entrance-doors put into proper order. The cost not to exceed £15.

Causewayside and West Fountainbridge Schools.—The Committee approved of several minor repairs ordered by Mr Wilson for these Schools.

JAMES GOWANS, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

It was agreed to provide in Bristo School gas pendants similar to those in Stockbridge School.

Sheriff Guthrie Smith submitted for approval the following Report upon a correspondence between Messrs. Philip, Laing, and Monro, and Messrs. Scott, Bruce, and Glover, with regard to the entry-money payable for the site of Causewayside School.

The Board having considered the correspondence which has passed between the Agents of the Board and Messrs. Scott, Bruce, and Glover, the Agents for the Superior, with regard to the entry-money payable for the site of Causewayside School, are of opinion that the course recommended should be followed, namely, to tender the full entry-money as at the date of the Board's entry for a discharge in full. Failing this arrangement, the entry-money applicable to two-sevenths to be paid.

J. GUTHRIE SMITH.

The Board adopted the Report, and agreed to instruct Mr. Philip accordingly.

Mr. Gowans read the following Report on North Canongate School :—

North Canongate School : This building is considerably advanced since last Report. The Masons are levelling the wall-head of the East Wing, and another week of good weather should bring the building to this height all round.

JAMES GOWANS.

Mr. Dickson having referred to some interesting old manuscripts which he found to exist in the Library of the High School, it was remitted to the High School Committee to make inquiry as to these, and to report.

The Report of the Compulsory Officer was laid on the Table as follows :—

**COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT for the FOUR WEEKS ending
March 30, 1878,**

Abstract of Statistics for the Eight Districts.

Total number of Children visited during the Four Weeks
ending March 30, ... 3556

Of the above number there are :—

Dead, ...	4
Above age, ...	43
Incurable, ...	3
Left the City, ...	39
Removed to other parts of the City	89
Gone to School, ...	1488
Absent through Temporary Causes, ...	1890
	3556

Of the number Absent through Temporary Causes, there
are :—

Refractory, ...	4
Sick, ...	760
Wanting Clothing, ...	34
Unable to pay Fees, ...	19
Considered too young, ...	23
Absent from want of Accommodation, ...	15
Under promise to send, ...	1035
	1890

N.B.—Of the 1890 Absent, 1132 are returned over seven years of age, and 758 under seven.

Of the 760 returned Sick, 9 are Fever cases, 11 Hooping-Cough, and 168 Measles ; these include Children prevented from attending School owing to some member of the family having Fever, Hooping-Cough, or Measles.

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
EDINBURGH, April 4, 1878.

RETURN OF DEFAULTING PARENTS summoned before the School
Board on the 2d March 1878, and not disposed of in previous
Report.

To be—

Prosecuted.—5 Parents with 6 Children, of whom there are
now regular at School 2 ; not sent 4. Total, . . . 6

To be—

Prosecuted Conditionally.—3 Parents with 3 Children ; 2 are not
sent to School, and 1 sick. Total, ... 3

To be—

Delayed.—2 parents with 3 children ; there are now regular
at school 1 ; not sent 1 ; gone to Mars Ship 1. Total, . . . 3

TOTAL, ... 12

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
4th April 1878.

RETURN OF DEFAULTING PARENTS summoned before the
School Board on the 30th March 1878.

To be—

Prosecuted.—6 parents with 8 children ; of whom there are
now regular at school 5—not sent to school 3. Total, . 8

To be—

Prosecuted Conditionally.—13 parents with 19 children ; of whom
there are now regular at school 16—not sent 3. Total, 19

To be—

Delayed.—7 parents with 10 children ; of whom there are now
regular at School 4—not sent 1—sick 5. Total, . 10

Total, 37

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
4th April 1878.

COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT on Evening School Attendance of
Children under 13 years of age.

Two Evening Schools under the Board were visited regularly each
week between the 12th March and 2d April 1878, when the Rolls
were examined. The result is as follows :—

Boys regular, ...	42	
„ irregular, ...	7	
„ above 13 years of age, ...	12	
„ sick, ...	1	
„ left town, ...	...	
„ promised to be present on 8th inst., ...	21	
„ gone to Day-school, ...	1	
	—	84
Girls regular, ...	27	
„ irregular, ...	...	
„ promised to be present on 8th inst., ...	13	
„ above 13 years of age, ...	6	
„ gone to Day-school, ...	1	
„ sick, ...	1	
	—	48
Total, ...		<u>132</u>

One Non-Board Evening School was visited same as above. The result is as follows :—

Girls regular, ...	6
„ irregular, ...	1
„ above 13 years of age, ...	1
„ sick, ...	...
„ gone to Day-school, ...	...
Total, ...	8

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
4th April 1878.

The Report was remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

It was agreed to hold a meeting with Defaulting Parents in the Police Court-Room, on Saturday, the 20th instant, at Two P.M., and it was remitted to Miss Stevenson to revise the list of cases to be summoned before that meeting.

The Returns of School Attendance for the Month, of which the following is an Abstract, were laid on the Table, and remitted to the School Attendance Committee :—

ABSTRACT RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at 14 Board Schools; 9 Roman Catholic Schools; 7 Non-Board Schools; 19 Heriot Schools; and 15 Evening Classes, for Four Weeks ending 29th March 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for Four Weeks ending 29th March 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.
I.—DAY SCHOOLS.												
14 Board Schools, ...	6793	4669	11462	6686	3373	9059	4894	2736	7630	86.07	81.11	84.22
9 Roman Catholic Schools, ...	1753	860	2613	1249	520	1775	1064	401	1465	85.18	76.23	82.53
7 Non-Board Schools, ...	1161	1063	2224	957	798	1745	835	584	1419	87.25	74.11	81.21
19 Heriot Schools, ...	..	..	5069	..	..	4766	..	..	4134	..	..	86.52
II.—EVENING CLASSES.												
BOARD SCHOOLS.												
1 for young Men, ...	..	..	61	..	..	39	..	..	35	..	..	89.74
1 „ Women, ...	..	..	45	..	..	36	..	..	30	..	..	83.33
13 Heriot	..	..	..	..	..	671	..	..	472	..	..	70.34

[The Returns are printed in full as Appendix.]

The Returns were remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

The matter of School Accommodation in the Stockbridge District was remitted to the School Attendance Committee for consideration and report.

The Chairman reported the conclusion come to at the private meeting of the Board with regard to the Education (Scotland) Act, 1872, Amendment Bill, the Endowed Schools Bill, and a Draft Bill for Higher-class Schools. It was agreed to hold a Special Meeting upon Wednesday, the 17th, at Three P.M., to consider further these Bills; in the meantime the Board accepted gratefully the Education (Scotland) Act, 1872, Amendment Bill, so far as it went, and were glad to see that their recommendation as to the casual employment of children had been given effect to.

The Board instructed the Chairman to go to London and endeavour to secure that the views of the Board in regard to the following matters be given effect to, viz. :—(1.) That the principle of Clauses 16 and 17 of the English Education Act, 1876, be made applicable to Scotland; (2.) That power be given to arrest the wages of Parents, by means of an attendance order signed by a Magistrate, in order to pay the expenses of children at Day Industrial Schools, or their Fees at Day Schools; (3.) That proceedings might be taken against the same parent once a month; (4.) That the Sheriff should be authorised to give an alternative sentence or fine, and failing the payment of the fine, of imprisonment; (5.) That Sheriffs of counties, and not the Scotch Education Department, should nominate to vacancies not filled up by the remanent Members of School Board; and lastly, that attention should be called to the existence of Schools for the children of the poorer classes not under public inspection, and to the difficulty that the Board had in dealing with Defaulting Parents whose children were sent to attend these Schools.

A letter from Mr. Murray, the Secretary for the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, intimating the resolution of the Association to discontinue, at the close of the present Session, the relief in food and clothing granted during the past four years to neglected children, in co-operation with a Committee of the School Board, and enclosing an explanatory statement from the Association, was read. It was agreed to offer the thanks of the Board to the Association for their services in this matter, and to remit the resolution and statement to the School Attendance Committee with power to communicate with the Association.

A letter from Mr. Alexander, in name of several electors in the Dalry district, regarding a Public-house Licence which had been applied for in the building adjoining the new School at Dalry, was read. The Chairman had explained what had been done by various members of the Board in this matter.

Form VI. B. for Dalry School, in duplicate, was read. The Clerk was authorised to sign the Form and transmit it to the Scotch Education Department.

Certificate "A.," claiming Building Grants from the Scotch Education Department on account of the following Schools, was signed by the Chairman and a quorum of the Members of the Board, and ordered to be transmitted, viz., West Fountainbridge, Leith Walk, Stockbridge, and Causewayside.

Read letter from Mr. Swanston, Stockbridge School, enclosing a communication from the Head-masters of the Board Schools regarding the Report on the Appointment, etc., of Pupil-teachers. The communication was remitted to the School Work Committee.

A letter from the Secretary of the United Industrial School, enclosing minute of meeting of the Acting Committee of the Institution, was laid upon the table. It was agreed to consider this communication at the Special Meeting of the Board to be held on Wednesday the 17th inst.

Read letter from Mr. Richardson, Assistant to the Compulsory Officer, resigning his appointment. It was remitted to the School Attendance Committee to appoint a suitable officer in his room.

A communication was read from the Clerk of the School Board of New Monkland, requesting the Board to send representatives to a meeting to be held in the Religious Institution Rooms, Glasgow, for the purpose of objecting to Annual Grants being made to Roman Catholic and other Schools erected after School Boards had provided sufficient school accommodation. It was agreed to take no action in this matter.

It was moved by Mr. Adamson, and unanimously agreed to, that "Richardson's Temperance Lesson Book" may be used in the Board Schools.

It was moved by Mr. Dickson, and unanimously agreed to—"That in consequence of the successful and beneficial results of the Penny Savings Bank at New Street School, as reported by Mr. Bauchope, the Head-master, the Board sanction its continuance. Further, that power be given to the School Management Committee to receive and dispose of applications from Head-masters for the institution of Savings Banks in any of the other Public Schools, on the same conditions as formerly sanctioned in the case of New Street School." [*For Report referred to, see Appendix No. 7.*]

Miss Stevenson gave notice of the following motion, viz.:—"That the Board appoint a qualified Lady as Inspector of Needle-work in the Schools under the Board; to report to the Board at the time of the Annual Inspection by Her Majesty's Inspector, as to the efficiency of this branch of instruction.

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Report by Her Majesty's Inspector on Causewayside School was read, and remitted to the School Work Committee.

The accounts of Bristo and Causewayside Schools for their respective school years were submitted. The accounts show that no Surplus Fund remained due to the Teachers of these Schools.

It was remitted to the School Management Committee to report upon arrangements for examining the Schools in Religious Instruction.

It was remitted to the School Work Committee, and the Visitors of Causewayside, to report regarding Miss Bonnar, one of the Assistants in that School.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX No. I.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS for Four Weeks ending 29th March 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 29th March 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Bristol, ...	863	509	1372	691	341	1032	562	256	818	81.3	75.	79.26
Causewayside, ...	478	313	791	488	178	666	423	151	574	86.6	84.8	86.18
Dalry, ...	468	198	666	433	172	605	381	156	537	87.9	90.6	88.76
Dean, ...	297	177	474	250	149	399	216	116	332	86.4	77.8	83.2
Deanhaugh Street, ...	228	256	484	181	164	345	156	125	281	86.1	76.2	81.44
Holyrood, ...	207	291	498	194	197	391	164	150	314	84.5	76.1	80.3
Leith Walk, ...	795	437	1232	688	341	1029	574	274	848	83.4	80.3	82.41
New Street (incl. Stovenlaw's Close), ...	991	515	1506	719	390	1109	648	322	970	90.1	82.5	87.46
Roseburn, ...	"	164	164	"	51	51	"	48	48	"	94.11	94.11
St. Leonard's, ...	711	526	1237	555	411	966	475	311	786	85.5	75.6	81.36
Stockbridge, ...	503	360	863	432	288	720	335	243	628	89.1	84.3	87.22
Victoria Terrace, ...	240	217	457	173	143	316	140	107	247	80.9	74.8	78.16
West Fountainbridge, ...	777	453	1230	659	405	1064	600	357	957	91.	88.1	89.94
West Port, ...	235	253	488	223	143	366	170	120	290	76.2	83.9	79.23
	6793	4669	11462	5686	3373	9059	4894	2736	7630	86.07	81.11	84.22
Corresponding period last year,	5825	4264	10089	4945	2871	7816	4174	2290	6464	84.4	79.76	82.7

APPENDIX No. II.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at Nine ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS for Four Weeks ending 29th March 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 29th March 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
St. Mary's District—												
St. John's, York Lane (Girls), .	168	280	448	120	152	272	102	120	222	85	78.9	81.61
St. Andrew's, Maryfield (Boys), .	237	...	237	172	...	172	160	...	160	93.02	...	93.02
St. Patrick's District—												
St. Mary's, Lothian Street (Girls),	197	...	197	177	...	177	157	...	157	88.7	...	88.7
" " (Infants),	...	307	307	...	186	186	...	152	152	...	81.72	81.72
St. Ann's, Niddry Street (Girls), .	340	...	340	177	...	177	138	...	138	77.96	...	77.96
St. Patrick's, Cowgate (Boys), .	402	...	402	269	...	269	236	...	236	87.73	...	87.73
Sacred Heart District—												
Glen Street, Lauriston (Boys), .	195	...	195	165	...	165	137	...	137	83.03	...	83.03
" " (Girls), .	214	...	214	169	...	169	134	...	134	79.29	...	79.29
" " (Infants), .	...	273	273	...	188	188	...	129	129	...	68.61	68.61
Corresponding period last year, .	1753	860	2613	1249	526	1775	1064	401	1465	85.18	76.23	82.53
	Incomplete			1170	688	1858	1009	495	1504	86.23	71.94	80.94

APPENDIX No. III.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at Seven Non-Board Schools for Four Weeks ending 29th March 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 29th March 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Canongate Burgh, ...	187	240	427	156	172	328	134	136	270	85.9	79.	82.31
St. Cuthbert's Industrial, ...	100	...	100	77	...	77	74	...	74	98.1	...	98.1
Pleasance, Infant, ...	...	220	220	...	196	196	...	141	141	...	71.93	71.93
Trinity Episcopal, ...	263	329	592	188	236	424	152	158	310	80.8	66.9	73.11
Greenside, Dr. Bell's, ...	325	127	452	271	66	337	244	58	302	90.	87.8	89.61
Buedenich, ...	240	147	387	219	118	337	187	91	278	83.3	77.1	82.49
Blind Asylum, ...	46	...	46	46	...	46	44	...	44	93.65	...	93.65
Total, ...	1161	1063	2224	957	788	1745	835	594	1419	87.25	74.11	81.31
Corresponding period last year for } seven Schools, ...	1184	898	2082	1016	607	1623	852	449	1301	83.85	73.97	80.16

APPENDIX No. IV.

MONTHLY RETURN of the number of Pupils on the Roll
and in Attendance at GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL
SCHOOLS on 20th March 1878.

SCHOOLS.	No. Fixed.	On the Roll.	Average Number Attending.		No. Left.	Per cent. Absent.	Schedules in hands of Teachers.
			Week- Day.	Sunday.			
1. Heriot Bridge, . .	318	312	268	...	6	8	6
2. Cowgate Port, . .	330	326	299	...	9	8	8
3. High School Yards, .	330	329	298	...	10	8	35
4. Old Assembly Close, .	320	325	297	...	4	9	19
5. Borthwick Close, . .	320	318	282	...	5	11	22
6. Brown Square, . .	240	239	213	...	5	10	30
7. Rose Street, . . .	326	303	274	...	2	7	...
8. Broughton, . . .	250	247	225	...	8	10	15
9. Abbeyhill, . . .	320	313	256	...	7	17	13
10. Davie Street, . . .	320	314	292	...	5	7	34
11. Grindlay Street, . .	290	290	282	...	6	3	2
12. Stockbridge, . . .	330	316	282	...	6	3	2
INFANT SCHOOLS—							
13. High School Yards, .	185	193	154	...	2	10	30
14. Rose Street, . . .	170	102	77	...	2	9	...
15. Broughton, . . .	160	113	82	...	1	18	...
16. Victoria Street, and Sup- plementary Class, . .	{ 180 130 }	290	214	...	3	11	...
17. Abbeyhill, . . .	170		113	...	2	20	...
18. Davie Street, . . .	180	181	160	...	...	7	42
19. Stockbridge, . . .	200	92	66	...	...	8	...
	5069	4766	4134	...	83	9	258

APPENDIX No. V.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at* PUBLIC EVENING CLASSES
for Four Weeks ending 28th March 1878.

	Enrolled since School opened in September.	Average No. on Roll for Four Weeks ending 28th March 1878.	Average Nightly Attendance for same period.	Percentage present for same period.
FOR YOUNG MEN.				
New Street, ...	61	39	35	89.74
FOR YOUNG WOMEN.				
Bristol, ...	45	36	30	83.33
TOTAL (Male and Female), . . .	106	75	65	86.66

APPENDIX No. VI.

MONTHLY RETURN *of the number of Pupils on the Roll*
and in Attendance at GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL
 EVENING CLASSES *on 20th February 1878.*

Name of School and Subject of Instruction.	On the Roll.	Average Number Attending.	No. Left.
Brown Square—			
1. Arithmetic, ...	41	28	14
2. English Grammar and Composition, . .	24	21	6
Broughton Street—			
3. Writing and Book-keeping, ...	29	21	...
4. Shorthand, ...	45	23	...
Rose Street—			
5. French	26	17	...
Victoria Street—			
6. Drawing, ...	41	32	7
7. Drawing, ...	39	31	6
ELEMENTARY CLASSES.			
FOR MALES—			
8. Heriot Bridge, ...	54	47	22
9. High School Yards, ...	65	33	27
10. Rose Street, ...	65	51	...
11. Abbeyhill, ...	49	36	13
12. Davie Street, ...	100	64	14
FOR FEMALES—			
13. Cowgate Port, ...	93	68	16
	671	472	125

APPENDIX No. VII.

REPORT on *Penny Savings Bank in NEW STREET*
PUBLIC SCHOOL.

9th March 1878.

THIS SAVINGS BANK was opened on 16th October 1877, and has thus been in operation for twenty weeks.

To facilitate the work of the Bank, the School has been divided into three Departments :—

- 1 NEW STREET :—Senior and Junior Rooms of Juvenile Department.
- 2 " " Intermediate and Infant Departments.
- 3 SOUTH GRAY'S CLOSE.

These are again sub-divided into "Boys" and "Girls," each with a separate Ledger, and in different Rooms ; thus there are six Ledgers in use.

The business is transacted by the Teachers in rotation, as the whole staff is not required at one time.

I. Plan of Working.—The Bank is open every Tuesday from 12.30 till 12.50 ; but it has been found that all transactions are quite finished at or about 12.45. On the closing of the Bank, Cash and Ledgers are collected, and an Abstract of the whole transactions made by the Head-Master ; this occupies from 10 to 15 minutes longer. The Cash and withdrawal slips of each Ledger are placed in separate bags, and the National Security Savings Bank Messenger receives them and the Abstract when he calls about 2 P.M. the same afternoon. The bags are returned per Messenger on the following Monday, each bag containing the Cash for which notice of withdrawal had been given on the previous Tuesday.

II. Amount of Business.—There have been in all 2712 transactions (81 of these being withdrawals), or an average of 135.6 weekly. The total sum deposited has been £44, 15s. 5d., and the amount withdrawn £10, 11s. 5d. In this latter sum, £1 is included which was transferred to the National Security Savings Bank, as it is recommended that balances of this amount be so transferred. The balance due to Depositors at this date is £34, 4s., and the number of Depositors is 315.

III. Remarks.—I am decidedly of opinion that the opening of this Bank in New Street School has been productive of much good. Many of the deposits are merely pence, which, probably, would otherwise have been expended in unwholesome sweets, etc.; thus the children are taught self-denial as well as thrift. Also, when they see their pence after a time accumulate into shillings, they get a better idea of the value of money, and come to know by experience the force of the old adage: "Take care of the pence, and the pounds will take care of themselves."

Though not required by rule to do so, I have occasionally made enquiry as to the purpose for which withdrawals were required, and have got such answers as, "a pair of new boots," "new jacket," "new frock," "new hat," "boots mending," "new Bible," "soiree ticket," "parents out of work," etc. etc.

The idea of being a help in the household instead of only a burden will add a feeling of importance and self-respect, which, if fostered judiciously, will in after-life bear good fruit in the matter of rendering assistance to aged and infirm parents, or delicate brothers and sisters.

Thus instead of regarding the Penny Savings Bank as a source of additional trouble and labour to the teacher, I look upon it as a valuable means of inculcating the moral lessons of self-denial, self-respect, filial piety, and thrift, which will be much better understood and more thoroughly received by the practical, than by the merely theoretical, teaching of them.

Apart from its moral influence upon the children, I also hold that the management of the Penny Savings Bank is an excellent means of affording a partial training to business habits in the Pupil-Teachers. The matter of drawing out Time-Tables, arranging Summaries, and many other details in the general management of a large School, require that the Teacher be trained to working generally in a neat-handed and methodical manner, and this work can never be too soon begun, or a habit of doing things in a business-like and methodical way too early acquired.

JOHN BAUCHOPE,
Head-Master.

MINUTE OF MEETING
OF
EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD
HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 8th MAY 1878.

At a Meeting of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD, held in the
Offices of the BOARD, No. 9 South Castle Street, on
*Wednesday, the 8th day of May 1878, at Three
o'clock P.M. :*

Present,—

Rev. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., *Chairman.*

Rev. WM. ADAMSON.

JAMES GOWANS, Esq.

THOMAS HARVEY, Esq., LL.D.

Miss FLORA C. STEVENSON.

JOHN CLAPPERTON, Esq.

Miss PHOEBE BLYTH.

The Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting were held as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following Minutes of Special Meetings of the Board, held on the 17th April and 1st May, to consider the Education (Scotland) Act Amendment Bill 1878, and the Endowed Schools and Hospitals Bill 1878, were approved, viz. :—

At a Special Meeting of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD,
held in the BOARD ROOM, No. 9 South Castle
Street, on *Wednesday, the 17th day of April 1878,*
at Three o'clock P.M. :

Present,—

Rev. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., *Chairman.*

Rev. JAMES BEGG, D.D.

J. DICK PEDDIE, Esq.

Rev. WM. ADAMSON.

BAILIE TAWSE.

JOHN CLAPPERTON, Esq.

Miss PHOEBE BLYTH.

THOMAS HARVEY, Esq., LL.D.

Miss FLORA C. STEVENSON.

Letters of apology for absence from Rev. Alex. Williamson and Mr. David Dickson were read.

It was agreed to appoint a Committee consisting of Dr. Scott, (Convener), Dr. Begg, Dr. Harvey, Sheriff Guthrie Smith, Bailie Tawse, and Miss Stevenson, to put in shape amendments on the Education (Scotland) Bill 1878, and to submit these to a Special Meeting of the Board to be held on Wednesday, 1st May, at 3 o'clock.

In the matter of the Endowed Schools and Hospitals (Scotland) Bill, Dr. Begg moved, and Miss Blyth seconded—That the Board shall appoint a Committee to confer with the Governors of Heriot's Hospital and others in securing such changes in the Endowed Schools Bill, or otherwise, as shall be the means of retaining the full advantages of the Heriot's and other Trusts to the people of Edinburgh, and to report.

The motion was carried, and the following Committee appointed, viz., Dr. Begg (Convener), Dr. Scott, Mr. Adamson, Mr. Dick Peddie, Mr. Dickson, and Miss Blyth.

A draft Bill for Higher Class Schools was laid on the table.

Read letter from the Secretary of the United Industrial School enclosing excerpt minute from the Acting Committee of the School.

The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge receipt of the letter.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Chairman*.

At a Special Meeting of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD,
held in the OFFICES OF THE BOARD, 9 South Castle
Street, on *Wednesday, the 1st May 1878, at 3 o'clock*
P.M. :

Present,—

Rev. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., *Chairman*.

THOMAS HARVEY, Esq., LL.D.

J. DICK PEDDIE, Esq.

Rev. WM. ADAMSON.

Miss FLORA C. STEVENSON.

Letters of apology for absence from Dr. Begg, Mr. Dickson, and Miss Blyth were read.

The Chairman laid before the Meeting the amendments upon the Education (Scotland) Bill, 1878, recommended by the Special Committee appointed to consider the subject.

After some slight alterations, the Amendments were reduced to the following form by the Board :—

Sec. 70 of the principal Act is hereby amended to the following effect:—On conviction the parent shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten shillings, and failing payment, to imprisonment until the said penalty shall be paid, but such imprisonment not to exceed fourteen days, or to imprisonment without the option of a fine for any term not exceeding fourteen days; and such procedure as aforesaid may be repeated against the said parent, and in respect of a continuance of the same failure of duty, at intervals of not less than one month.

In any proceedings under Section 70 of the principal Act, it shall be lawful for the Sheriff, in the event of the parent complained against having been already prosecuted and convicted for neglecting the education of his child, to order the said child to be sent to a certified day industrial school, or if there be no such school suitable in the Sheriff's opinion for the child, then to a certified industrial school, and he may further, in his discretion, with or without pronouncing any such order, inflict any such penalty as aforesaid.

A child shall be sent to a certified industrial school, or certified day industrial school, in pursuance of this section in like manner as if sent in pursuance of the Industrial Schools Act, 1866, and when so sent shall be deemed to have been sent in pursuance of that Act and the Acts amending the same; and the parent, if liable under the said Acts to contribute to the maintenance and training of his child when sent to an industrial school, shall be liable so to contribute when his child is sent in pursuance of this section.

If a Secretary of State is satisfied that, owing to the circumstances of any class of population in any school district, a school in which industrial training, elementary education, and one or more meals a day, but not lodging, are provided for the children, is necessary or expedient for the proper training and control of the children of such class, he may, in like manner as under the Industrial Schools Act, 1866, certify any such school (in this Act referred to as a Day Industrial School) in the neighbourhood of the said population to be a certified Day Industrial School.

Any child authorised by the Industrial Schools Act, 1866, to be sent to a certified Industrial School, may, if the Sheriff before whom the child is brought think it expedient, be sent to a certified Day Industrial School; any child sent to a certified Day Industrial School by an order of the Sheriff may during the period specified in the order be there detained during such hours as may be authorised by the rules of the school approved by the said Secretary of State.

A certified Day Industrial School shall be deemed to be a certified efficient school within the meaning of this Act.

In the case of a certified Day Industrial School,—

- (1.) A School Board shall respectively have the same powers in relation to a certified Day Industrial School as it has in relation to a certified Industrial School; and
- (2.) There may be contributed out of moneys provided by Parliament towards the custody, industrial training, elementary education, and meals of children sent by order of the Sheriff to a certified Day Industrial School such sums not exceeding one shilling per head per week, and on such conditions as a Secretary of State from time to time recommends; and
- (3.) Where a Sheriff orders a child to be sent to a certified Day Industrial School, he shall also order the parent of such child, if liable to maintain him, to contribute to his industrial training, elementary education, and meals in the school such sum not exceeding two shillings per week as is named in the order; and it shall be the duty of the school board to obtain and enforce the said order, and every sum paid under the order shall be paid into the school fund. If a parent is unable from poverty to pay the sum required by the said order to be paid, he shall apply to the parochial board, of the parish or burgh in which he resides, and it shall be the duty of the said board to pay out of the poor fund the said sum or such part of it as the parent shall be unable to pay in the event of such Board being satisfied of the inability of the parent to pay; and
- (4.) When any such order is pronounced as aforesaid, it shall be competent to the School Board to cause a copy thereof to be sent by post to any person or persons in whose employment the parent may be from time to time during the continuance of said order, with a request that he shall retain out of the wages due or to become due to said parent a proportion of the same, not exceeding the rate specified in the said order, and on receipt of said notice the said employer shall be bound to retain the same, and on demand to pay it over to the school board; and failing payment, the same shall be recoverable by summary proceedings before the Sheriff; and
- (5.) The managers of a certified Day Industrial School may, upon the request of the parent of a child, and upon the undertaking of

the parent to pay towards the industrial training, elementary education, and meals of such child such sum, not less than one shilling a week, as a Secretary of State from time to time fixes, receive such child into the school without an order by the Sheriff; and there may be contributed out of moneys provided by Parliament in respect of that child such sum, not exceeding sixpence a week and on such conditions as a Secretary of State from time to time recommends.

Mr. Adamson moved, and Dr. Harvey seconded, that the Board approve of the amendments proposed, and remit to the Committee with powers to send a deputation to London to prosecute the matter with the Government and others interested. The motion was unanimously adopted.

The Clerk read the Report of the Special Committee on the Endowed Schools Bill. The Report was as follows :—

REPORT of the SPECIAL COMMITTEE appointed to confer with the Governors of HERIOT'S HOSPITAL and others, in securing such changes in the Endowed Schools Bill, or otherwise, as shall be the means of retaining the full advantages of the Heriot and other Trusts to the people of Edinburgh, and to report.

The Committee met with a Committee of the Governors of Heriot's Hospital, in the Governors' Chambers, on Tuesday, the 23d, at 1 P.M.

The following members were present :—

The Rev. Dr. Begg, Dr. Scott, Rev. W. Adamson, Messrs, Dickson, Dick Peddie, and Miss Blyth.

The Committee of this Board explained to the Governors of Heriot's Hospital that the interest of the Board in the Endowed Schools Bill was of an indirect character: viz., only in so far as the change contemplated by the measure might affect the provision chiefly for elementary education in the city; and that, accordingly, the Board deferred to express any opinion at this stage upon the various clauses of the Bill, inasmuch as it would probably be their duty hereafter to give their opinion on the particular Schemes which might be proposed by the Trustees of the various Educational Endowments, in so far as these might affect the educational arrangements for the city. At the same time, it was the case that a large amount of educational work was being done by various trusts in the city, and especially by the Governors of Heriot's Hospital, which failing, these would fall to be done at great expense by the Board, as representing the citizens in this matter. The Board had accordingly appointed this Committee to meet the Governors of Heriot's Hospital in particular, and confer with them with the view to secure such changes in the Endowed Schools Bill as might be the means of securing the full and permanent advantages of the Heriot and other trusts to the people of Edinburgh.

The Governors and the members of the Committee thereafter expressed their views upon the Bill, and whilst various views were expressed, there was a general concurrence of opinion to the following effect, viz. :—

That if the Bill is to pass, and to be a permissive Bill, it must be permissive throughout—in other words, if Commissioners are to be

appointed, and if proposals of improvement are to be made to them and through them to the Home Secretary, such proposals shall not be materially altered without the express consent of the Governors making the proposals; otherwise, that the nature and extent of the changes to be made in the government and management of trusts, and in the application of Endowments, should be more definitely indicated in the preamble or the provisions of the Bill.

The Committee agreed to recommend that the Board, by Petition or otherwise, lay before the Government the views expressed in this Report.

Mr. Dick Peddie moved, and Mr. Adamson seconded, the approval of the Report. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

It was agreed that in future the names of Members voting on a division be recorded.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Chairman*.

The Chairman read the following Report of the Committee on School Management :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT.

The Committee agreed to recommend that Messrs. Currie and Paterson be requested to examine and report upon Religious Instruction in the Schools, it being understood that these gentlemen be asked this year to interchange Schools.

The Committee approved of leave of absence being granted to Jane Gilray, from Dalry School, for a month; and the appointment of Miss Jane Ritchie to supply Miss Gilray's place temporarily.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Convener*.

The Report was approved.

Miss Stevenson read the Report of the Committee on School Attendance as follows :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The Committee considered the communication from the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, remitted to them from the Board.

The Committee instructed the Clerk to represent to the Association that the Board are fully sensible of the great value of the assistance given to them by the Association in their work in dealing with neglected and destitute children, and desire to record their appreciation of that assistance. They regret, however, the decision come to by the Association to discontinue that assistance. They desire to point out to the Association that the Board have taken the first opportunity that has been afforded them, by the Bill which is now before Parliament, to ask for powers to establish Day Industrial Schools. They hope that, if this power is granted, it may enable them to meet many of the cases at present taken up by the Association, but they would remind the Association that a large number of cases will still remain which can only be met by the benevolent efforts of voluntary associations such as the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, or by private individuals. In the meantime, until power is given when such Day

Industrial Schools can be established, the cases of Neglected and Destitute Children hitherto dealt with by the Association cannot be met, unless the Association will re-consider their decision, or unless some other voluntary association will undertake the duty of providing for them.

The Committee have appointed James Cattnach an assistant to the Compulsory Officer in room of Thomas Richardson resigned.

The Committee have under consideration the School Accommodation at Stockbridge district. They have agreed to report upon this matter to the Board in private.

FLORA C. STEVENSON, *Convener*.

The Report was approved.

Miss Stevenson stated that since the Committee met, the Secretary of the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor had written that the Association had resolved to adhere to the resolution to which they had already come, regarding the discontinuance of the assistance formerly given by them to destitute and neglected children attending Elementary Schools.

The Chairman read, in the absence of Bailie Tawse, the Report of the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee approved of the payment of an account of £12, 12s. rendered by Mr. Kilgour, Surveyor, for the measurement of the mason-work of Causewayside School.

The Committee agreed to recommend that Mr. Robert M'Master, who has completed a term of three years' service in the Offices of the Board, be paid for the ensuing year at the rate of £45 per annum.

The Committee authorised the transfer of £88, 1s. 8d. from the General Fund Account to the High School Account, being the amount of the expense of examining the Royal High School in 1877, in terms of Clause 62 (b) of the Education (Scotland) Act.

The Committee authorised the Treasurer, subject to the approval of the Rector and Masters, to remit the Fees, amounting to £3, 2s. 6d., outstanding against Daniel MacDonald, the Fees being considered irrecoverable owing to the death of the boy's father.

The Committee authorised the Treasurer to consult with the Rector of the High School and Masters, regarding abatement of Fees on account of prolonged absence, to the following pupils, viz. :—Edmund Johnston, Stephen Russell, Wm. Sanderson, Frere Sanderson, and James T. Lessel.

The Committee agreed to recommend that the amount paid to the cleaner of Roseburn School, £10, be paid in future to the proprietors of the building, they undertaking to keep the School clean to the satisfaction of the Board.

The Committee had before them a request by Mr. Brown, whose windows overlook the playground of Dean School, for payment on account of damage done to his windows, for the last two years, by the pupils of that school. The Committee are of opinion that the Board are not liable in this matter; but, in the peculiar circumstances, of the case they recommend the Board, while disclaiming any responsi-

bility, to offer to Mr. Brown to put his windows in repair, and to put netting over them.

The Committee passed various accounts.

JOHN TAWSE, *Convener*.

The Report was approved.

Dr. Harvey read the Report of the Committee on School Work as follows :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL WORK.

The Committee had under consideration the remit of the Board regarding a separate School for the Higher Subjects. They are unable to present a Report to this meeting, and they request that the remit be continued.

The Committee considered the communication from the Head-masters regarding the Appointment, etc., of Pupil-teachers. The Committee instructed the Clerk to reply to the communication of the Head-masters.

The Committee approved of the employment of Jane A. Hay, ex-Pupil-teacher, in New Street, till the close of the present Session. Miss Hay to be paid at the rate of a fifth year's Pupil-teacher.

The Committee have agreed to recommend that the Head-masters be requested to adhere strictly to Rule XII., Fifth Schedule, Scotch Code (1878), regarding the removal of names from the Admission Register.

The Committee approved of the appointment of the following Pupil-teachers, viz. :—Jemima B. Aitchison to Leith Walk School, Agnes Miller to West Port School, Jane S. Stevenson to St. Leonard's School, William T. C. Bell to Bristo School, in room of Helen Macrae, who failed to pass her examination; Florence Scott to Bristo School, in room of Laura Wilson, who failed to pass her examination.

THOMAS HARVEY, *Convener*.

The Report was approved.

Mr. Gowans read the Report of the Committee on School Building :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL BUILDING.

West Fountainbridge School.—The Committee have sanctioned two small tables for the Infant Department of West Fountainbridge School; also an easel for the same School. It was also agreed to make slight repairs on the conveniences, and to clean the rooms.

Leith Walk School.—The Committee sanctioned the disconnecting the pipes of the basins in the lavatories from the drain pipes in Leith Walk School; also an additional grating to take away surface water.

New Street School.—The Committee have agreed to connect the pipes for supplying the conveniences with water directly with the main pipe.

Holyrood School.—The Committee have transferred old writing-desks, formerly used in Nicolson Square School, to this School.

West Port School.—The Committee sanctioned the repair of forms, windows, and paling.

Victoria Terrace School.—Blackboard and easel sanctioned.

JAMES GOWANS, *Convener*.

The Report was approved.

Mr. Gowans read the following Report on North Canongate School, now in course of erection :—

NORTH CANONGATE SCHOOL.

The carpenters have begun to place the roof on the east wing of the building, and the masons will have the whole ready for the roof in a few days.

The levelling of Cranston Street has been commenced by the Improvement Trust, and when this is done the causewaying will be proceeded with.

JAMES GOWANS.

The Report by the Compulsory Officer for the month was laid upon the Table.

COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT for the FOUR WEEKS ending
April 27, 1878.

Abstract of Statistics for the Eight Districts.

Total number of Children visited during the Four Weeks
ending April 27, ... 2743

Of the above number there are :—

Dead, ...	1
Above age, ...	50
Incurable, ...	3
Left the City, ...	41
Removed to other parts of the City	33
Gone to School, ...	1820
Absent through Temporary Causes, ...	795
	2743

Of the number Absent through Temporary Causes, there
are :—

Refractory, ...	3
Sick, ...	366
Wanting Clothing, ...	20
Unable to pay Fees, ...	6
Considered too young, ...	9
Absent from want of Accommodation, ...	5
Absent through various causes, but under promise to send soon, ...	386
{ Fault of Parents, 310 } { Fault of Children, 76 }	
	795

N.B.—Of the 795 Absent, 505 are returned over seven years of age, and 290 under seven.

Of the 366 returned Sick, 5 are Fever cases, 16 Hooping-Cough, and 37 Measles; these include Children prevented from attending School owing to some member of the family having Fever, Hooping-Cough, or Measles.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
EDINBURGH, May 3, 1878.

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

The Report was remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

RETURN OF DEFAULTING PARENTS summoned before the School Board on the 2d and 30th March 1878, and not disposed of in previous Report.

To be—

Prosecuted.—6 Parents with 8 Children, of whom there are now regular at School 3; not sent 3; gone to Poorhouse 1; gone to Industrial School 1. Total, ... 8

To be—

Prosecuted Conditionally.—5 Parents with 7 Children; 2 are regular at School; 2 irregular; 1 not sent; and 1 sent to Mars Ship. Total, ... 7

To be—

Delayed.—6 Parents with 8 Children; there are now regular at School 1; sick 7. Total, ... 8

TOTAL, ... 23

D. MILLER,

Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
3d May 1878.

RETURN OF DEFAULTING PARENTS summoned before the School Board on the 20th April 1878.

To be—

Prosecuted.—13 Parents with 18 Children; of whom there are now regular at School 8—not sent to school 7—gone to the country 2—gone to Reformatory 1. Total, ... 18

To be—

Prosecuted Conditionally.—3 Parents with 4 Children; they are now regular at School Total, ... 4

To be—

Delayed.—7 Parents with 11 Children; of whom there are now regular at School 6—not sent 3—irregular 3. Total, ... 11

TOTAL, ... 33

D. MILLER,

Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
3d May 1878.

**COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT on Evening School Attendance of
Children under 13 years of age.**

Two Evening Schools under the Board were visited regularly each week between the 3d April and 1st May 1878, when the Rolls were examined. The result is as follows :—

Boys regular, ...	42	
„ irregular, ...	14	
„ above 13 years of age, ...	16	
„ sick, ...	4	
„ left town, ...	...	
„ gone to Day-school, ...	...	
		76
Girls regular, ...	32	
„ irregular, ...	3	
„ above 13 years of age, ...	4	
„ gone to Day-school, ...	...	
„ sick, ...	2	
		41
Total, ...		117

One Non-Board Evening School was visited same as above. The result is as follows :—

Girls regular, ...	9	
„ irregular, ...	1	
„ above 13 years of age, ...	...	
„ sick, ...	1	
„ gone to Day-school, ...	...	
„ gone to an Institution, ...	1	
Total, ...		12

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
2d May 1878.

The Returns of School Attendance for the month, of which the following is an Abstract, were laid on the Table :—

ABSTRACT RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at 14 Board Schools; 5 Non-Board Schools; 19 Heriot Schools; and 2 Evening Classes, for Four Weeks ending 26th April 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for Four Weeks ending 26th April 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
I.—DAY SCHOOLS.												
14 Board Schools, ...	6944	4830	11774	5745	3411	9156	4824	2740	7564	83.97	80.32	82.61
5 Non-Board Schools, . . .	702	547	1249	505	371	966	508	320	828	85.37	86.25	85.71
19 Heriot Schools, ...	..	..	5069	..	..	4727	..	..	4301	..	..	90.96
II.—EVENING CLASSES.												
BOARD SCHOOLS.												
1 for young Men, ...	..	..	85	..	..	70	..	..	55	..	..	78.57
1 „ Women, ...	..	..	59	..	..	47	..	..	39	..	..	83.

[The Returns are printed in full as Appendix.]

The Returns were remitted to the School Attendance Committee, with power to withdraw the privilege of attending evening classes instead of day schools from such children under thirteen years of age as are found to attend irregularly.

Read letter from the Rev. George Rigg, of date 15th April 1878, resigning his seat as a member of the Board.

Dr. Scott moved, and Miss Blyth seconded, that the letter lie on the table until next meeting.

Read letter from Mr. William M'Lachlan, assistant in Bristo School, of date 22d April, resigning his appointment. The resignation was accepted, and it was remitted to the Visitors of the School, with Dr. Harvey and Mr. Adamson, to appoint a suitable teacher in place of Mr. M'Lachlan.

Miss Stevenson moved the motion, of which previous notice had been given, altered as follows:—

“ That the Board appoint a qualified Lady to inspect, before the close of this Session, the needle-work in the schools under the Board, and to report to the Board as to the efficiency of this branch of instruction.”

It was agreed to approve generally of the motion; and it was remitted to the School Work Committee to report upon the details for carrying it out.

PRIVATE.

It was agreed to offer to Mr. Swanston, Head-master of Stockbridge School, the Head-mastership of North Canongate School; and in the event of his accepting the appointment, the Clerk was instructed to offer to Mr. Bauchope, at present Head-master of New Street School, the Head-mastership of Stockbridge School; and in the event of Mr. Bauchope accepting the appointment to Stockbridge, to offer the appointment of Head-mastership of New Street School to Mr. George Robertson, now teacher of South Gray's Close (Stevenlaw's Close) School.

It was agreed to hold a Special Meeting to make arrangements as to a Staff for North Canongate School.

The Reports of Her Majesty's Inspector on Ponton Street Hall School and New Street School were laid upon the table.

It was agreed, on the recommendation of the School Attendance Committee, to ask the sanction of the Board of Education for building a new School in the district of Canonmills, to accommodate 600 children, and the Clerk was instructed in the meanwhile to write the Town-Clerk for ground to feu in this district for a School site.

Form IX. for the following evening classes were signed by a quorum of the Members, and the following transfers from rate to the income of the classes were sanctioned, viz.:—New Street, £36, 14s. 2d.; Nicolson Square, £20, 7s. 7d.; Stockbridge (Boys), £21, 9s. 6d.; Stockbridge (Girls), £22, 16s. 11d.; Leith Walk, £19, 9s. 3d.; St. Leonard's, £10, 18s. 11d.; West Fountainbridge (Boys), £13, 17s. 10d.; West Fountainbridge (Girls), £7, 15s. 10d.

Read communication from the Janitors of West Fountainbridge and Bristo Schools regarding the arrangements recently made for cleaning the Schools. These communications were referred to the Finance Committee and the Lady Members.

ARCH^D. SCOTT, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX No. I.
RETURN OF ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS for Four Weeks ending 26th April 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average Number on Roll for 4 weeks ending 26th April 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Bristo, ...	896	529	1425	713	305	1018	568	243	811	79.6	79.6	79.66
Causewayside, ...	486	316	802	483	176	659	399	143	542	82.6	81.2	82.24
Dalry, ...	492	212	704	461	195	656	383	146	529	83.	74.8	80.64
Dean, ...	296	182	478	259	148	407	217	112	329	83.7	75.6	80.83
Deanhaugh Street, ...	228	263	491	182	160	342	146	129	275	80.2	80.6	80.4
Holyrood, ...	214	303	517	212	202	414	170	162	332	80.1	80.1	80.19
Leith Walk, ...	819	466	1285	700	360	1060	579	287	866	82.7	79.7	81.69
New Street, ...	1026	543	1569	722	399	1121	624	327	951	86.4	81.9	84.83
Roseburn, ...	...	169	169	...	56	56	...	45	45	...	80.35	80.35
St. Leonard's, ...	711	534	1245	544	407	951	459	312	771	84.3	76.6	81.07
Stockbridge, ...	504	374	878	439	299	738	382	252	634	87.	84.2	85.9
Victoria Terrace, ...	251	223	474	172	140	312	139	99	238	80.8	70.7	76.28
West Fountainbridge, ...	778	460	1238	652	404	1056	591	351	942	90.6	86.8	89.2
West Port, ...	243	256	499	206	160	366	167	132	299	81.	82.5	81.69
Total,	6944	4830	11,774	5745	3411	9156	4824	2740	7564	83.97	80.32	82.61
Corresponding period last year,	5921	4515	10,436	4921	2870	7791	4147	2355	6502	84.26	82.	83.45

APPENDIX No. II.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at Five Non-Board Schools for Four Weeks ending 26th April 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 26th April 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
St. Outhbert's Industrial, . . .	101	...	101	78	...	78	72	...	72	92.3	...	92.3
Pleasance (Infant), . . .	...	228	228	...	188	188	...	171	171	...	90.95	90.95
Greenside, Dr. Bell's, . . .	325	130	455	274	70	344	241	61	302	87.95	87.1	87.79
Lady Glenorchy's, . . .	230	189	419	197	113	310	151	88	239	76.6	77.8	77.09
Blind Asylum, . . .	46	...	46	46	...	46	44	...	44	95.65	...	95.65
Total,	702	547	1249	595	371	966	508	320	828	85.37	86.25	85.71
Corresponding period last year (for 7 Schools), . . .	1198	890	2088	998	643	1641	854	480	1334	85.5	74.6	81.29

APPENDIX No. III.

MONTHLY RETURN *of the number of Pupils on the Roll*
and in Attendance at GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL
 SCHOOLS *on, 20th April 1878.*

SCHOOLS.	No. Fixed.	On the Roll.	Average Number Attending.		No. Left.	Per cent. Absent.	Schedules in hands of Teachers.
			Week- Day.	Sunday.			
1. Heriot Bridge, . . .	318	299	280	...	12	8	1
2. Cowgate Port, . . .	330	320	302	...	14	7	1
3. High School Yards, . .	330	331	295	...	9	9	30
4. Old Assembly Close, . .	320	325	299	...	6	8	13
5. Borthwick Close, . . .	320	314	287	...	8	9	11
6. Brown Square, . . .	240	232	210	...	7	10	38
7. Rose Street, . . .	326	306	283	...	3	6	...
8. Broughton, . . .	250	249	226	...	8	9	23
9. Abbeyhill, . . .	320	311	266	...	6	13	7
10. Davie Street, . . .	320	314	290	...	8	7	22
11. Grindlay Street, . . .	290	286	278	...	5	4	2
12. Stockbridge, . . .	330	312	293	...	8	6	...
INFANT SCHOOLS—							
13. High School Yards, . .	185	194	176	...	1	9	34
14. Rose Street, . . .	170	108	94	...	6	4	...
15. Broughton, . . .	160	111	97	...	4	11	...
16. Victoria Street, and Sup- plementary Class, . .	180 130	170 92	154 80		1 2	9 10	} 13
17. Abbeyhill, . . .	170	173	139	...	1	18	
18. Davie Street, . . .	180	182	167	...	...	7	45
19. Stockbridge, . . .	200	98	85	...	...	7	5
	5069	4727	4301	...	109	9	260

APPENDIX No. IV.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at* PUBLIC EVENING CLASSES
for Four Weeks ending 24th April 1878.

	Enrolled since School opened in March last.	Average No. on Roll for Four Weeks ending 24th April 1878.	Average Nightly Attendance for same period.	Percentage present for same period.
FOR YOUNG MEN.				
New Street, ...	85	70	55	78·57
FOR YOUNG WOMEN.				
Bristo, ...	59	47	39	83·
TOTAL (Male and Female), . . .	144	117	94	80·34

MINUTE OF MEETING
OF
EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD
HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 12th JUNE 1878.

At a Meeting of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD, held in the
Offices of the BOARD, No. 9 South Castle Street, on
*Wednesday, the 12th day of June 1878, at Three
o'clock P.M. :*

Present,—

Rev. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., *Chairman.*

Dr. BEGG.

Sheriff GUTHRIE SMITH.

D. DICKSON, Esq.

JAMES GOWANS, Esq.

Rev. WM. ADAMSON.

Dr. HARVEY.

Bailie TAWSE.

J. CLAPPERTON, Esq.

J. DICK PEDDIE, Esq.

Miss FLORA C. STEVENSON.

Miss PHOEBE BLYTH.

The Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting were held as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 1st of June, in the Police Court-room, were approved.

The following Minutes of Private and Special Meetings of the Board, held on the 20th May and 5th June, were approved, viz. :—

At a Private Meeting of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD, held in
the Offices of the Board, 9 South Castle Street, on *Monday,*
20th May 1878, at 3.15 o'clock P.M. :

Present,—

Rev. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., *Chairman.*

THOS. HARVEY, Esq., LL.D.

Rev. W. ADAMSON.

Bailie TAWSE.

J. DICK PEDDIE, Esq.

D. DICKSON, Esq.

J. CLAPPERTON, Esq.

Miss P. BLYTH.

Dr. Scott explained that he had authorised the calling of this Meeting in order to consider a letter from the Clerk of the Glasgow School Board, inviting three Members of the Board to a Conference, on Wednesday the 22d, to consider Amendments on the Education (Scotland) Amendment Bill.

It was agreed to request Dr. Scott, Dr. Harvey, Mr. Adamson, Bailie Tawse, and the Clerk to attend the Conference at Glasgow, and to press the Amendments agreed to by the Board.

The Members thereafter considered the Amendments proposed by the School Board of Glasgow.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Swanston, Stockbridge School, had accepted the appointment of Head-master of North Canongate School; Mr. Bauchope, Head-master of New Street School, the appointment of Head-master of Stockbridge School; and Mr. George Robertson, South Gray's Close School, the appointment of Head-Master of New Street School.

It was agreed, Bailie Tawse dissenting, to appoint Mr. W. H. Bell, at present second Teacher in Stockbridge School, second Teacher of North Canongate School.

It was remitted to the School Work Committee to consider and report regarding the remaining appointments for North Canongate School, and the changes which may require to be made by the opening of that School.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Chairman*.

At a Special Meeting of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD, held in the Offices of the BOARD, No. 9 South Castle Street, on *Wednesday, the 5th day of June 1878, at Three o'clock P.M.:*

Present,—

The Rev. DR. SCOTT, *Chairman*.

The Rev. Dr. BEGG.

Mr. CLAPPERTON.

The Rev. Mr. ADAMSON.

Dr. HARVEY.

Bailie TAWSE.

Miss BLYTH.

Sheriff GUTHRIE SMITH.

The Chairman explained that the Meeting had been called in order to fix the school-rate for 1878-79, which, in terms of clause 44 of the Education Act, the Board are enjoined to certify to the various Parochial Boards before the 12th day of June. It was also considered desirable to receive the Report of the Committee on School Work on the remit made to them regarding a staff for North Canongate School. A Report from the School Attendance Committee would be considered in private.

Bailie Tawse read the following Report by the Finance Committee on the Income and Expenditure of the Board for the year ending May 15th, 1878, the estimated Income and Expenditure for the current year, and the school-rate required for the year 1878-79, viz. :—

The Committee had before them an Abstract of the Expenditure of the Board for the year ending 15th May 1878, under the following heads, viz. :—

Repayment of Loan, ...	£4,621	17	6
Expenses of Board, including Office, etc., ...	2,902	4	0½
Expenses of Elementary Schools, ...	15,329	12	7½
Expenses of High School Examination, ...	88	1	8
Alterations at High School, ...	18	14	10
Writing-room of High School, ...	1,291	8	10
Interest on overdraft of Bank Account, ...	233	7	10
	£24,485 7 4		

The Committee had also before them the following statement of Income for the past year, viz. :—

School Fees, ...	£3,830	0	4
Grants, ...	5,136	15	8
Rate, ...	16,086	17	1
Repayment from Building Fund on account of Dalry Site, ...	42	17	8
Fines, ...	18	7	0
Miscellaneous receipts, ...	2	10	0
	£25,117 7 9		

The Committee had before them also an estimated Expenditure for 1878-79, amounting to £24,880, made up as follows, viz. :—

Repayment of Loans, ...	£5,709	7	6
Expense of Board, including Office, etc.	3000	0	0
Expense of Elementary Schools, ...	16,000	0	0
Expense of High School Examination, ...	70	0	0
Interest on Bank Account, ...	100	12	6
	£24,880 0 0		

The Committee anticipate that the following Income may be received from fees and grants for 1878-79, viz. :—

From Fees, ...	£4,200	0	0
„ Grants, ...	5,450	0	0
„ Fines, ...	10	0	0
	9,660 0 0		

Leaving a balance to be provided by Assessment of, £15,220 0 0

The Committee had also before them the assessable rentals from each of the various parishes of the School District for last year, and the mode of levying the assessment followed in each parish.

The Committee, after consideration, agreed to recommend the Board that, in order to meet the different modes of assessment in the various parishes, the Board should certify to each of the parishes in the Edinburgh School District the following rates as the School-rate to be laid on and collected as School-rate, along with their several assess-

ments for the relief of the poor, for the year from Whitsunday 1878 to Whitsunday 1879, viz. :—

City Parish, ...	2½d. per £
St. Cuthbert's and Canongate Parishes, ...	3d. „
South Leith Parish, ...	3d. „
North Leith Parish, ...	2½d. „
Duddingston Parish, ...	2½d. „
Liberton Parish, ...	1d. „

and that a certificate to that effect be sent to the Boards of each of the parishes.

JOHN TAWSE, *Convener*.

It was moved, seconded, and agreed to approve of the Report of the Finance Committee, and to record the thanks of the Board to the Committee and its Convener for their labours. In terms thereof, the Board agreed to certify to the respective Parochial Boards the rate on each pound of rental necessary to be laid on and collected as School-rate, for the year from Whitsunday 1878, and instructed the Clerk to forward to the respective Parochial Boards the following certificate of the amount of rate to be so laid on and collected by them respectively, viz. :—

To the Parochial Board of the Parish of the City of Edinburgh :

In terms of the Act 35 and 36 Victoria, cap. 62, sect. 44, the School Board of the Burgh of Edinburgh hereby certifies to the Parochial Board of the Parish of the City of Edinburgh, that the amount of rate on each pound of rental which they shall lay on and collect as School-rate, along with their several assessments within said parish, for the year from Whitsunday 1878 to Whitsunday 1879, in terms of said Statute, is twopence three farthings sterling.

To the Parochial Board of the Combined Parishes of St. Cuthbert's and Canongate :

In terms of the Act 35 and 36 Victoria, cap. 62, sect. 44, the School Board of the Burgh of Edinburgh hereby certifies to the Parochial Board of the Combined Parishes of St. Cuthbert's and Canongate, that the amount of rate on each pound of rental which they shall lay on and collect as School-rate, along with their several assessments within said combined parishes, for the year from Whitsunday 1878 to Whitsunday 1879, in terms of said Statute, is threepence sterling.

To the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Leith :

In terms of the Act 35 and 36 Victoria, cap. 62, sect. 44, the School Board of the Burgh of Edinburgh hereby certifies to the Parochial Board of the Parish of South Leith, that the amount of rate on each pound of rental which they shall lay on and collect as School-rate, along with their several assessments within said parish, for the year from Whitsunday 1878 to Whitsunday 1879, in terms of said Act, is threepence sterling.

To the Parochial Board of the Parish of North Leith :

In terms of the Act 35 and 36 Victoria, cap. 62, sect. 44, the School Board of the Burgh of Edinburgh hereby certifies to the Parochial Board of the Parish of North Leith, that the amount of rate on each

pound of rental which they shall lay on and collect as School-rate, along with their several assessments within said parish, for the year from Whitsunday 1878 to Whitsunday 1879, in terms of the Statute, is two-pence three farthings sterling.

To the Parochial Board of the Parish of Duddingston :

In terms of the Act 35 and 36 Victoria, cap. 62, sect. 44, the School Board of the Burgh of Edinburgh hereby certifies to the Parochial Board of the Parish of Duddingston, that the amount of rate on each pound of rental which they shall lay on and collect as School-rate, along with their several assessments within said parish, for the year from Whitsunday 1878 to Whitsunday 1879, in terms of said Statute, is two-pence three farthings sterling.

To the Parochial Board of the Parish of Liberton :

In terms of the Act 35 and 36 Victoria, cap 62, sect. 44, the School Board of the Burgh of Edinburgh hereby certifies to the Parochial Board of the Parish of Liberton, that the amount of rate on each pound of rental which they shall lay on and collect as School-rate, along with their several assessments within said parish, for the year from Whitsunday 1878 to Whitsunday 1879, in terms of the said Statute, is one penny sterling.

Dr. Harvey read the following Report of the Committee on School Work regarding Staff of North Canongate School, etc. :—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL WORK.

It was agreed to recommend that, on the opening of the New School of North Canongate, the Schools of Holyrood, Victoria Terrace, and South Gray's Close should be closed, and that the Pupil-Teachers in those schools be transferred to North Canongate or other schools.

It was agreed to recommend that Miss Ligertwood and Miss M'Ivor, Assistants in Juvenile Department of Stockbridge School, be transferred to the School of North Canongate.

It was agreed to recommend that Miss Bonnar, Assistant in Juvenile Department of Causewayside School, be transferred to Infant Department of North Canongate School, and that a Male Assistant be appointed to her place in Causewayside.

It was agreed to recommend that a Mistress of the Infant Department, a Music-teacher, and a Sewing-mistress for North Canongate School, a second Teacher and two Assistants for the Juvenile Department of Stockbridge School, and a second Teacher for New Street School, be advertised for, and the Committee instructed the Clerk to advertise for a Mistress of the Infant Department of North Canongate School, and for second Teachers for Stockbridge and New Street Schools.

THOMAS HARVEY, *Convener*.

The Report was approved, and the Clerk was instructed to advertise the following appointments, viz. :—

North Canongate School.—Mistress of the Infant Department, salary £150 per annum; Sewing Mistress, £60 per annum; Music-teacher (one hour per day), £40 per annum.

Causewayside School.—Assistant Certificated Teacher (Male), salary £80 per annum.

Stockbridge School.—Two Assistant Certificated Teachers, salaries £80 and £70 per annum.

Bailie Tawse dissented from the resolution to transfer Misses Ligertwood and M'Ivor from the Juvenile Department of Stockbridge School to North Canongate School.

The Board considered in private a Report by the School Attendance Committee. It was agreed to take no action in connection with the Report in the meantime.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Chairman.*

Miss Stevenson read the following Report of the Committee on School Attendance, viz. :—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The Committee authorised a meeting of the Board to be held in the Police Court-room on Saturday, the 1st of June, at 2 P.M., and remitted to Mr. Adamson, in the absence of the Convener, to revise the list of cases to be summoned before the meeting.

FLORA C. STEVENSON, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

Mr. Adamson read the following Report of the Committee on Evening Schools, on the work done in the Classes conducted by the Board during the last Winter :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVENING SCHOOLS.

The Committee have to submit to the Board the following Report on the Evening Classes conducted by the Board during the past winter :—

REPORT ON EVENING SCHOOLS—SESSION 1877-78.

The Fifth Session of the Edinburgh School Board's Evening Classes commenced on 24th September 1877, and terminated on 7th March 1878.

The following Table shows the results of the work of the Session :—

	Number enrolled during the Session.	Average number on the Roll for Session.	Average nightly attendance for Session.	Number presented for Examination.	Number of Certificates awarded.
FOR YOUNG MEN.					
St. Leonard's, ...	111	63	45	33	19
New Street, ...	145	60	49	33	17
Leith Walk, ...	125	50	34	9	13
Stockbridge, ...	153	79	41	25	13
West Fountainbridge, ...	202	94	77	35	28
	736	346	246	135	90
FOR YOUNG WOMEN.					
Bristo, ...	113	62	52	49	36
Stockbridge, ...	51	26	21	19	10
West Fountainbridge (three months),	37	26	22	.	.
	201	114	95	68	46
TOTAL (Male and Female), ...	937	460	341	203	136
Session 1876-77, ...	788	354	284	157	116

Of the 203 examined, 202 passed in Reading, 175 passed in Writing, and 162 passed in Arithmetic. Of the 157 last Session, all passed in Reading, 125 in Writing, and 115 in Arithmetic.

Certificates of merit were awarded this Session, (1.) To pupils who passed in at least two subjects in the 3d, 4th, 5th, or 6th Standards, who attended not less than 45 nights in the Session, and whose conduct was approved of by the Teacher. (2.) To pupils upwards of 21 years of age who attended at least 50 nights in the Session, and who satisfied the teachers as to conduct and progress. The highest number of nightly attendances made by those who obtained certificates was 91, the lowest 45, and the average 66. The total possible number of attendances was 91.

In Session 1874-75 the number examined was 151. Of these, 150 passed in Reading, 109 in Writing, and 111 in Arithmetic. The number examined in 1875-76 was 89. All passed in Reading, 75 in Writing, and 74 in Arithmetic. The report for 1876-77 shows that 157 were examined, that all passed in Reading, 125 passed in Writing, and 115 passed in Arithmetic. From the last Table it will be seen that 203 were examined this Session, that 202 passed in Reading, 176 in Writing, and 163 in Arithmetic. A difficulty which has presented itself every Session was experienced by the teachers in ascertaining from a considerable number of the scholars the standards in which they were last examined. Not a large number seems to have been qualified to be examined in the 5th and 6th standards. Only twelve were examined in the 6th standard. The greatest number presented for examination

was in the Bristo Street Girls' Class. Forty-nine were examined, and all passed in Reading, only one failed in Writing, and six in Arithmetic. Of the 33 examined in New Street Class all passed in Reading, one failed in Writing, and two in Arithmetic.

ATTENDANCE.

The attendance as in former Sessions was not so satisfactory as could be wished. Only a very limited number continued throughout the entire Session.

As regards those enrolled under 13 years of age it may be stated that with very few exceptions their attendance was neither very regular nor punctual, and the progress in consequence not great. In one school six over 21 years of age were the most regular in their attendance during all the Session.

BRANCHES AND PROGRESS.

The branches taught were Reading, Writing, Dictation, Arithmetic, Grammar, Composition, History, and Geography. Lessons in Singing for half-an-hour each week were also given to each of the Classes for Young Women. Book-keeping was also studied by a few of the pupils who attended the Bristo Street Class. The progress made in Writing and Arithmetic by those who continued for three months and upwards was highly creditable. In Reading it was very fair. Grammar was not generally appreciated, but marked attention was given to the lessons in Geography and History. The exercises in Composition of a few of the more advanced scholars gave indications of great care. The diligence displayed by those over 21 years of age was very gratifying to witness. The teachers not unfrequently devoted some time to them after the usual hour of closing. They seemed very grateful for the attention which was given to them. One of the teachers says: "It is peculiarly pleasing to notice the advancement made by those over 21 years of age. Two or three were exceedingly anxious to master the simple rules in Arithmetic, wrote with great care, and successfully endeavoured by joining with the others in reading to reach proficiency in it. The other three wrought through simple rules, and made some acquaintance with compound rules, and one who was almost unfailing in his attendance managed to reach the end of "Part" in Arithmetic embracing compound rules (money). They received their certificates of merit with very great pleasure." At certain visits to some of the classes we examined 39 upwards of twenty years of age in Arithmetic, and found 4 working the simple rules, 11 the compound rules, 8 proportion, 4 practice, 10 fractions, and 2 the advanced rules.

CONDUCT.

With the exception of a few of the younger lads, the conduct of the pupils generally was very satisfactory. The young women behaved exceedingly well. One teacher writes: "The work of the Session has been carried on with much satisfaction, the lads conducting themselves well on the whole." The following is from another teacher: "In discipline the majority of the pupils showed a fair amount of courtesy and respect. Submissiveness was the rule. The few exceptions proved remediable; and it was only in an extreme case that the strictest mea-

asures had to be resorted to. Order and stillness, exceedingly difficult to secure among pupils of their age, were gradually prevailing, and at the close of the Session it is due to the pupils to say that they gave the teacher unmistakeable proofs of their unfeigned regard."

As there were very few in attendance at the Young Women's Class which met in West Fountainbridge School, it was discontinued after the 10th of January. A very few of the pupils went to Bristo Class for the remainder of the Session.

The certificates of merit were presented by Miss Stevenson to the young women, and by the Convener of Committee on Evening Schools to the young men.

In closing this short report we think it due to the teachers to say that they are deserving of much praise for their unwearied attention to the advancement of their pupils, and for the zeal and energy they displayed in the whole work of the Classes.

WM. ADAMSON, *Convener*.

The Board agreed to approve of the Report, and to record their thanks to the Convener. It was remitted to the Finance Committee to prepare a Statement showing the Expenditure of the Evening Classes during the past Winter.

Baillie Tawse read the following Report of the Finance Committee, viz. :—

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee instructed the Clerk to transmit to the Scotch Education Department Certificates, signed by the Chairman and a quorum of the Members of the Board, authorising him to receive the Building Grants, voted by the Department, for West Fountainbridge, Causeway-side, and Stockbridge Schools, amounting, respectively, to £931, 5s.; £637, 10s.; and £623, 5s.

The Committee, on the recommendation of the Rector and Masters of the High School, agreed to repay to Stephen Russell, and Frere Sanderson, a quarter's fee, to Edmund Johnston and William Sanderson a half-quarter's fee, on account of prolonged absence from the school; and to admit James J. Lessels free.

The Committee instructed the Treasurer to write off the books of the High School a debt of £2, 15s. standing against the name of E. Chalmers for a quarter's fee (II. Class) in Session 1874-5; and £2, 10s. standing against the name of H. E. Elphinstone, for a quarter's fee (I. Class), in Session 1874-5.

The Committee had before them a request from Messrs. M'Niven and Cameron to take over the remainder of their stock of the slates supplied to the Board at the termination of their contract. The Committee declined this request.

JOHN TAWSE, *Convener*.

The Report was approved.

The following Report of the Committee on School Work was read :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL WORK.

The Committee agreed to report to the Board that the question of establishing a Higher Class School, at a low fee, cannot at present be

entertained with propriety by the Board. The Committee are of opinion that until the Endowed Schools Bill is passed, and the results of its working are known, it is undesirable that the Board come to a definite resolution upon this question.

The Committee agreed to recommend that an examiner be appointed to report, at the close of the Session, on the state of the sewing-instruction in the various schools, and that it be remitted to the Committee and to the Finance Committee to appoint a suitable person, and fix an adequate fee for this duty.

THOMAS HARVEY, *Convener*.

The Report was approved.

Mr. Gowans read the Report of the Building Committee, which was as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUILDING.

The Committee approved of certain small repairs recommended by Mr. Wilson at the following Schools:—Stockbridge, Dean, West Fountainbridge, West Port, and New Street.

The Committee examined the tenders for the Janitor's House at Dalry School. The following are the cheapest, viz. :—

Mason,	Messrs. Chambers and Lawson,	£250	0	0
Joiner,	Mr. Lownie, ...	102	0	0
Plasterer,	Mr. Baird, ...	20	0	0
Slater,	Mr. Catto, ...	25	0	0
Plumber,	R. P. Beattie, ...	33	11	0
Glazier,	Messrs. Dickson and Walker, .	1	8	0
		£431	19	0

The Committee had before them Estimates for a Janitor's Waiting-room, and the Heating and Cleaning Apparatus of North Canongate School. They recommend the acceptance of Mr. J. Lownie's, amounting to £69, 5s., as being the cheapest.

The Committee recommend that an Estimate, amounting to £1, 12s. 9d., be accepted, for sizing and painting Messenger's house.

The Committee recommend that seats for 100 Children be sanctioned for Dalry School.

JAMES GOWANS, *Convener*.

The Report was approved.

The Board accepted the Estimates submitted in the Report for the erection of a Janitor's House at Dalry School, and instructed the Architect, Mr. Beattie, to proceed with the work without delay. The Board also accepted the Estimate of Mr. J. Lownie, amounting to £69, 5s., for a Janitor's Waiting-room, and for the Heating and Cleaning Apparatus of North Canongate School; also the Estimate for sizing and painting the Messenger's house, and instructed the Committee to provide seats in Dalry School for 100 children.

Sheriff Guthrie Smith stated that he had been in communication, along with Miss Stevenson, with the Administrators of a Fund left in certain Trusts for educational and charitable purposes, and he was not without

hope that, if the Board would provide a Teacher and Teaching Apparatus, the means of providing a House Superintendent and Matron, and the cost of conducting the Establishment as a Day Industrial School, would be provided by the Trustees. He craved the appointment of a small Committee to confer with these Trustees, viz., the Trustees of the late Miss Drummond, to prepare a Scheme and to report. The motion was unanimously agreed to, and Miss Stevenson and Sheriff Guthrie Smith were appointed.

The following Report of the Compulsory Officer was laid upon the Table :—

COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT for the FOUR WEEKS ending
May 25, 1878.

Abstract of Statistics for the Eight Districts.

Total number of Children visited during the Four Weeks
ending May 25, ... 3331

Of the above number there are :—

Dead, ...	5
Above age, ...	45
Incurable, ...	...
Left the City, ...	59
Removed to other parts of the City	125
Gone to School, ...	1892
Absent through Temporary Causes, ...	1205
	3331

Of the number Absent through Temporary Causes, there
are :—

Refractory, ...	2
Sick, ...	635
Wanting Clothing, ...	21
Unable to pay Fees, ...	10
Considered too young, ...	24
Absent from want of Accommodation, ...	6
Absent through various causes, but under promise to send soon, ...	507
	1205

N.B.—Of the 1205 Absent, 753 are returned over seven years of age, and 452 under seven.

Of the 635 returned Sick, 5 are Fever cases, 15 Hooping-Cough, and 11 Measles ; these include Children prevented from attending School owing to some member of the family having Fever, Hooping-Cough, or Measles.

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
EDINBURGH, June 6, 1878.

RETURN OF DEFAULTING PARENTS summoned before the School Board, and not disposed of in previous Reports.

To be—

Prosecuted.—8 Parents with 10 Children, of whom there are now regular at School 3; not sent 5; gone to Mars Ship 1; removed and not yet traced 1. Total, . . . 10

To be—

Prosecuted Conditionally.—1 Parent with 1 Child; now regular at School 1. Total, ... 1

To be—

Delayed.—6 Parents with 9 children; now regular at school 1; sick 7; left town 1. Total, ... 9

TOTAL, ... 20

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
6th June 1878.

RETURN OF DEFAULTING PARENTS summoned before the School Board on the 1st June 1878.

To be—

Prosecuted.—10 parents with 13 children; of whom there are now regular at school 10—not sent to school 3. Total, . . . 13

To be—

Prosecuted Conditionally.—8 parents with 9 children; of whom there are now regular at school 7—not sent 2. Total, . . . 9

To be—

Delayed.—12 parents with 12 children; of whom there are now regular at School 6—not sent 3—sick 1. Left town 1; sent to Mars Ship 1. Total, ... 12

Total, ... 34

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
6th June 1878.

**COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT on Evening School Attendance of
Children under 13 years of age.**

Two Evening Schools under the Board were visited regularly each week between the 2d May and 4th June 1878, when the Rolls were examined. The result is as follows :—

Boys regular, ...	50	
„ irregular, ...	7	
„ above 13 years of age, ...	1	
„ sick, ...	4	
„ left town, ...	...	
„ gone to Day-school, ...	...	
	—	62
Girls regular, ...	29	
„ irregular, ...	3	
„ above 13 years of age, ...	4	
„ gone to Day-school, ...	...	
„ sick, ...	4	
	—	40
Total, ...		<u>102</u>

One Non-Board Evening School was visited same as above. The result is as follows :—

Girls regular, ...	4	
„ irregular, ...	2	
„ above 13 years of age, ...	3	
„ sick, ...	2	
„ gone to Day-school, ...	...	
„ gone to an Institution, ...	...	
	—	
Total, ...		<u>11</u>

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
6th June 1878.

The Report was remitted to the School Attendance Committee with instructions to deal with children under thirteen at Evening Classes who attended irregularly.

The Returns of School Attendance for the Month, of which the following is an Abstract, were laid upon the Table :—

ABSTRACT RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at 14 Board Schools; 6 Non-Board Schools; 19 Heriot Schools; 4 Roman Catholic; and 2 Evening Schools, for Five Weeks ending 31st May 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for Five Weeks ending 31st May 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.
I.—DAY SCHOOLS.												
14 Board Schools, ...	7094	5076	12170	5674	3391	9065	4693	2685	7378	82.71	79.18	81.38
6 Non-Board Schools, . . .	883	1071	1954	600	693	1293	514	547	1061	77.87	78.93	78.41
19 Heriot Schools, ...	..	..	5069	..	..	4785	..	..	4407	..	..	92.1
4 Roman Catholic Schools, .	887	297	1184	673	178	751	474	123	597	82.72	69.1	79.49
II.—EVENING CLASSES.												
BOARD SCHOOLS.												
1 for young Men, ...	..	..	100	..	..	75	..	..	63	..	..	84.
1 „ Women, ...	..	..	67	..	..	49	..	..	40	..	..	81.63

[The Returns are printed in full as Appendix.]

The Returns were remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

The Chairman read the following Reports of a Deputation to London, and to a Conference of School Boards in Glasgow, regarding Amendments upon the Education (Scotland) Amendment Bill:—

REPORT OF DEPUTATION TO LONDON regarding Amendments on the Education (Scotland) Amendments Bill proposed by the Board.

The Deputation, consisting of the Chairman, Miss F. C. Stevenson, and the Clerk went to London on the 8th of May. In London they were joined by Bailie Tawse. They had an interview by appointment with Sir Francis Sandford at the Office of the Education Department on Thursday, the 9th of May. On the same day they called on Mr. Nicolson, Secretary to the Lord Advocate, at the Home Office, and arranged a meeting with the Lord Advocate for Monday the 12th. On Friday the 10th they had an interview with the City Members at the House of Commons; and on Monday the 12th with the Lord Advocate at the Home Office. The result of these interviews was in every way satisfactory.

The Deputation explained at all these interviews that the Board had confined their amendments on the Principal Act to the Compulsory Clauses of that Act, and had also asked that the powers conferred on School Boards in England, under Lord Sandon's Act, to establish Day Industrial Schools, be conferred on School Boards in Scotland by the Education Amendment Act now before Parliament. As expressed in the "Explanatory Statement" prepared by the Board, with their

Amendments, the Deputation explained that it was the opinion of the Board that power to prosecute defaulting parents monthly, and to punish those convicted by an alternative of fine or imprisonment, would enable them to enforce more effectively the compulsory clauses of the Principal Act. At the same time the Board were firmly of opinion that these clauses could not be enforced without some provision, such as is contemplated by the establishing of Day Industrial Schools. The Board found a large class of children who, from the circumstances of their parents, could not be got to attend the ordinary Day Schools, and who at the same time could not and ought not to be committed under the Industrial Schools Act of 1866. These children, it was thought, could be educated if committed for longer or shorter periods to Day Industrial Schools, the parents, wherever able to do so, being compelled to pay for them.

The Deputation explained that the Board were not so particularly anxious as to the manner in which the Legislature would confer the power of establishing Day Industrial Schools—whether through the Industrial Schools Act of 1866 and clause 41 of the Principal Act, or the Amendment Act now before Parliament, or through an alteration of the Poor Law Act. But seeing that the Education Act is actually being amended, that the powers asked for are conferred in England through an Education Act, and that the duty of enforcing the compulsory clauses of the Education Act of 1872 is imposed on School Boards, the Board were of opinion that School Boards were the proper authority to be charged with the duty of erecting and maintaining such schools.

The various gentlemen upon whom the Deputation called, appeared to be satisfied of the reasonableness of the Amendments proposed by the Board. They were all of opinion that the suggested amendment on clause 70 was very desirable; and that some arrangement like that proposed by the Board in the matter of Day Industrial Schools was required in large towns. The Lord Advocate stated that he was quite satisfied that some such Schools were needed.

REPORT OF DELEGATES sent to a Conference of School Boards, held in Glasgow on Wednesday, May 22d, for the purpose of considering suggested Amendments on the Education Bill.

The Chairman, Dr. Harvey, Mr. Adamson, and the Clerk attended the Conference. A full minute of the proceedings has been prepared, and is now before members.

The Delegates of this Board confined themselves chiefly to the urging upon the Conference the Amendments proposed by the Board; and they are glad to be able to report that the Conference accepted the views of the Board:—

- (1.) Regarding monthly prosecutions.
- (2.) Regarding the desirableness of having Day Industrial Schools—there being a difference of opinion as to the most suitable authority to be charged with erecting and maintaining such schools.

The Board agreed, Dr. Begg dissenting, to press the whole of the Amendments upon the Bill formerly proposed by them, and especially

the Amendments in reference to the establishment of Day Industrial Schools, and to use their every endeavour, in connection with other Boards, to secure if possible the passing of the Bill this Session ; for this purpose they appointed the Chairman and the Clerk to join other Deputations in London, in order to press the views of the Board upon the Members of Her Majesty's Government and others.

The Chairman moved that the resignation of Mr. Rigg, the consideration of which was delayed at last meeting, be accepted, and that the Board proceed to elect a Member in his stead at their Ordinary Meeting in July. Miss Stevenson seconded the motion. The motion was agreed to, Dr. Begg and Bailie Tawse dissenting.

A letter was read, dated 11th June 1878, from Mr. Wm. M'Donald, M.A., one of the Classical Masters of the High School, resigning his appointment. The Board agreed to accept Mr. M'Donald's resignation.

The Board agreed to accept the resignation of Miss M. L. Proudfoot, Assistant in the Juvenile Department of Leith Walk School, and of Miss C. E. Sanderson, Assistant in the Infant Department of Stockbridge School.

Miss Blyth reported that the Committee authorised to appoint an Assistant in Bristo School, after seeing various candidates, appointed Mr. Robert Edwards, at present Assistant in Craig's School, Stirling.

The Board instructed the Clerk to prepare, as in former years, a statement of the attendance at Elementary Schools in the city in March 1878.

Forms IX. for Dean, Deanhaugh Street, Holyrood, Leith Walk, and West Fountainbridge Schools, were examined and signed, and the following transfers out of rate to the income of these Schools were sanctioned, viz. :—Dean, £325, 17s. 3½d.; Deanhaugh Street, £133, 8s. 9½d.; Holyrood, £181, 5s. 2d.; Leith Walk, £741, 10s. 8d.; and West Fountainbridge, £478, 5s. 9½d.

It was agreed to close the High School upon Thursday, 25th July, and it was remitted to the High School Committee to make the necessary arrangements for the closing of the School, for appointing a successor to Mr. M'Donald, and for preparing the Prospectus of the School for next Session. It was intimated that the Report of the Examiners of the High School, appointed for this year, viz., Professors Eggeling, Kelland, and Masson, were received. The Reports were remitted to the High School Committee.

It was agreed to meet on Tuesday the 25th, at Three P.M., to elect Second Teachers for New Street and Stockbridge Schools, and Mistress of the Infant Department for North Canongate School.

It was agreed to sanction an additional Assistant for the Juvenile Department of Dalry School, and it was remitted to the School Work Committee to instruct the Clerk as to advertising for Assistant in Leith Walk School, in room of Miss Proudfoot, and for Assistant in Dalry School.

It was remitted to the School Work Committee to make arrangements for closing the Schools.

It was remitted to the School Work Committee to communicate with the managers and teachers of certain Schools, with the view to the keeping of correct Registers of the attendance of the children, and of giving access to the Compulsory Officers to these Registers.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX No. I.
RETURN OF ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS for Five Weeks ending 31st May 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 5 Weeks ending 31st May 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Bristol, ...	908	541	1449	650	286	936	524	239	763	80.6	83.5	81.51
Causewayside, ...	494	327	821	482	181	663	387	152	539	80.2	83.9	81.29
Dalry, ...	530	247	777	463	212	675	373	164	537	80.5	77.3	79.55
Dean, ...	319	189	508	261	154	415	215	117	332	82.3	75.9	80.
Deanhaugh Street, ...	231	266	497	185	163	348	152	128	280	82.1	78.5	80.45
Holyrood, ...	921	323	544	196	212	408	164	160	324	83.6	75.4	79.41
Leith Walk, ...	842	507	1349	693	389	1082	561	293	854	80.9	75.3	78.92
New Street, ...	1030	591	1621	780	341	1121	658	257	915	84.3	75.3	81.62
Roseburn, ...	"	176	176	"	61	61	"	49	49	"	80.32	80.32
St. Leonard's, ...	719	553	1272	547	379	926	451	301	752	82.4	79.4	81.2
Stockbridge, ...	509	386	895	427	310	737	370	259	629	86.6	83.5	85.34
Victoria Terrace, ...	260	236	496	172	144	316	133	101	234	77.3	71.3	74.05
West Fountainbridge, ...	786	475	1261	630	402	1032	560	341	901	88.8	84.8	87.3
West Port, ...	245	259	504	188	157	345	145	124	269	77.1	78.9	77.97
Total,	7094	5076	12170	5674	3391	9065	4693	2685	7378	82.71	79.18	81.38
Corresponding period last year,	6058	4582	10640	4839	2918	7757	4038	2385	6423	83.44	81.73	82.8

APPENDIX No. II.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at Six Non-Board Schools for Five Weeks ending 31st May 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 5 Weeks ending 31st May 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Trinity Episcopal, ...	313	364	697	194	240	434	147	177	324	75.7	73.7	74.65
Canongate Burgh, ...	187	242	429	142	157	299	114	135	249	80.2	85.9	83.27
St. Guthbert's Industrial, ...	107	...	107	78	...	78	74	...	74	94.87	...	94.87
Lady Glenorchy's, ...	230	202	432	200	110	310	135	89	224	67.5	80.9	72.25
Pleasance, Infant, ...	...	243	243	...	186	186	...	146	146	...	78.49	78.49
Blind Asylum, ...	46	...	46	46	...	46	44	...	44	96.65	...	96.65
TOTAL,	883	1071	1954	660	693	1353	514	547	1061	77.87	78.93	78.41
Corresponding period for seven Schools last year, ...	1787	1186	2973	1353	809	2162	1155	591	1746	85.36	73.05	80.75

APPENDIX No. III.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at Four Roman Catholic Schools for Five Weeks ending 31st May 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 5 Weeks ending 31st May 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
St. Patrick's, ...	471	...	471	249	...	249	210	...	210	84.33	...	84.33
Glen Street, Boys, ...	200	...	200	162	...	162	147	...	147	90.74	...	90.74
" Girls, ...	216	...	216	162	...	162	117	...	117	72.22	...	72.22
" Infants, ...	...	297	297	...	178	178	...	123	123	...	69.1	69.1
TOTAL,	887	297	1184	573	178	751	474	123	597	82.72	69.1	79.49

APPENDIX No. IV.

MONTHLY RETURN of the number of Pupils on the Roll
and in Attendance at GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL
SCHOOLS on 20th May 1878.

SCHOOLS.	No. Fixed.	On the Roll.	Average Number Attending.		No. Left.	Per cent. Absent.	Schedules in hands of Teachers.
			Week- Day.	Sunday.			
1. Heriot Bridge, . .	318	296	273	...	4	7	10
2. Cowgate Port, . .	330	328	307	...	2	4	...
3. High School Yards, .	330	331	300	...	4	8	30
4. Old Assembly Close, .	320	328	306	...	8	6	10
5. Borthwick Close, . .	320	316	290	...	8	7	9
6. Brown Square, . .	240	223	205	...	9	9	43
7. Rose Street, . . .	326	316	294	...	5	5	...
8. Broughton, . . .	250	248	223	...	8	10	21
9. Abbeyhill, . . .	320	308	281	...	7	7	9
10. Davie Street, . . .	320	317	299	...	2	6	22
11. Grindlay Street, . .	290	283	276	...	6	2	2
12. Stockbridge, . . .	330	317	294	...	1	5	...
INFANT SCHOOLS—							
13. High School Yards, .	185	197	184	...	...	5	30
14. Rose Street, . . .	170	120	104	...	1	6	...
15. Broughton, . . .	160	120	106	...	1	6	...
16. Victoria Street, and Sup- plementary Class, .	180 130	185 91	168 81		... 1	8 10	} 4
17. Abbeyhill, . . .	170	174	159	...	...	7	
18. Davie Street, . . .	180	181	165	...	1	16	46
19. Stockbridge, . . .	200	106	92	...	2	11	...
	5069	4785	4407	...	70	7	253

APPENDIX No. V.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at* PUBLIC EVENING CLASSES
for Five Weeks ending 30th May 1878.

	Enrolled since School opened in March last.	Average No. on Roll for Five Weeks ending 30th May 1878.	Average Nightly Attendance for same period.	Percentage present for same period.
FOR YOUNG MEN.				
New Street, ...	100	75	63	84
FOR YOUNG WOMEN. *				
Bristol, ...	67	49	40	81.63
TOTAL (Male and Female), . . .	167	124	103	83.06

MINUTE OF MEETING
OF
EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD
HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 10th JULY 1878.

At a Meeting of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD, held in the
Offices of the BOARD, No. 9 South Castle Street, on
Wednesday, the 10th day of July 1878, at Three
o'clock P.M.:

Present,—

Rev. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., *Chairman.*

Rev. JAMES BEGG, D.D.	DAVID DICKSON, Esq.
J. GUTHRIE SMITH, Esq.	J. CLAPPERTON, Esq.
Rev. WM. ADAMSON.	J. DICK PEDDIE, Esq.
Rev. H. WILLIAMSON.	JAMES GOWANS, Esq.
THOMAS HARVEY, Esq., LL.D.	Miss PHOEBE BLYTH.
Miss F. C. STEVENSON.	

Apology for absence from Bailie Tawse was read.

The Minutes of last Ordinary Meeting were held as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 6th July, in the Police Court-room, were approved.

The following Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board, held on the 25th June, were approved, viz. :—

At a Special Meeting of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD,
held in the BOARD ROOM, 9 South Castle Street,
on Tuesday, the 25th June 1878, at 3 o'clock P.M.:

Present,—

Rev. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., *Chairman.*

Rev. WM. ADAMSON.	Rev. JAMES BEGG, D.D.
JOHN CLAPPERTON, Esq.	DAVID DICKSON, Esq.
JAMES COWAN, Esq.	THOMAS HARVEY, Esq., LL.D.
J. DICK PEDDIE, Esq.	J. GUTHRIE SMITH, Esq.
Rev. A. WILLIAMSON.	Miss F. C. STEVENSON.
Miss PHOEBE BLYTH.	

The Board had interview with the following leet of Candidates for the situation of Second Teacher of Stockbridge and New Street Schools, viz. :—Maxwell Shennan, Edinburgh; James V. Brown, Berwick-on-Tweed; William Kerr, Glasgow; J. W. Sinton, Edinburgh; C. M. Wood, Edinburgh.

After consideration the Board elected Mr. Maxwell Shennan, Edinburgh, Second Teacher of Stockbridge School; and Mr. James V. Brown, Berwick-on-Tweed, Second Teacher of New Street School.

The Board had interview with the following Candidates for the situation of Mistress of the Infant Department of North Canongate School, viz. :—Margaret Brander, Banff; Agnes Loudon, Edinburgh; Agnes C. Mackinlay, Huntly; Janet E. Thomson, Edinburgh; C. M. Wood, Edinburgh.

Letter was received from Elizabeth D. Johnston, one of the leet of Candidates, enclosing a Medical Certificate, and explaining that she could not be present.

After consideration the Board appointed Miss Margaret Brander, Banff, Mistress of the Infant Department of North Canongate School.

Dr. Harvey having stated that the School Work Committee had agreed to recommend that the Elementary Schools should be closed during the week commencing Monday the 22d July, the Board agreed to close the Schools during the week commencing Monday the 15th July, provided the Annual Examinations by Her Majesty's Inspector, and the Examinations in Religious Knowledge and Sewing would be finished before that date.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Chairman.*

The Board had interview with short leet of Candidates for the office of Assistant in Causewayside School, viz. :—Robert Irvine, James H. Loudon.

The Board had also interview with the following leet of Candidates for Stockbridge, Leith Walk, and Dalry Schools, viz. :—Robert Irvine, James H. Loudon, Christina M. Gray, Mary Gray, Janet W. Hall, Catherine Porteous, Jane Ritchie, Harriet C. Sharp, Christina M. Wood.

The Board had also interview with the following Candidates for the office of Singing-Master of North Canongate School, viz. :—William Geoghegan, Henry Hopper, William R. Mackenzie, and James Sneddon.

George Mackay, one of the leet of Candidates for the Assistantship, did not appear.

After consideration, the Board agreed to delay the appointment of Assistant to Causewayside School, and remitted to the Chairman and the Visitors of that School to prepare a larger leet of Candidates for the appointment, to be submitted to the Board at its next meeting.

The Board agreed to appoint Christina M. Wood, first Assistant in the Juvenile Department of Stockbridge School, at a salary of £80 per annum; and Jane Ritchie, second Assistant in the Juvenile Department of the same School, at a salary of £70 per annum; Christina M. Gray, first Assistant Juvenile Department, Leith Walk School, at a salary of

£80 per annum; James H. Loudon, Assistant in Dalry School, at a salary of £70 per annum; and William Geoghegan, Singing-Master, North Canongate School, at a salary of £40 per annum.

The Board agreed to appoint Harriet C. Sharp, second Assistant in the Infant Department, West Fountainbridge School, at a salary of £40 per annum, in room of Christina M. Gray, appointed as above to Leith Walk School.

The Board also agreed that Christina M. Gray, James H. Loudon, and Harriet C. Sharp, should be asked to enter upon duty in their several Schools on Monday, the 2d September, and that Christina M. Wood, Jane Ritchie, and William Geoghegan, be asked to enter upon duty when the School of North Canongate opens. It was remitted to the School Work Committee to make up a short list of Janitors for North Canongate School.

The Board received the following Deputation on the subject of teaching neglected children, viz.:—Messrs. Ivory and Watson, Advocates, Revs. Dr. W. C. Smith and Mr. Moffat, Messrs. J. Cook, W.S., D. Nicolson, C. Ferguson, R. Wilson, and Craster.

After Messrs. Ivory, Cook, Wilson, Nicolson, and Dr. Smith had expressed their views on the subject, the Chairman, in name of the Board, thanked the gentlemen for their attendance.

The Board also received a Deputation comprising the Rev. Mr. Balfour, Messrs. Nicolson, Ford, Campbell, and Manson, who submitted a Petition agreed to at a Public Meeting, and signed by a large number of the inhabitants of the district, praying that the Board should keep open the Holyrood School. The Board agreed to consider the prayer of the Petition.

The Chairman read the Report of the Committee on School Management:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT.

The Committee, after considering applications and testimonials of candidates, agreed to recommend the following short lists to the Board for the various vacant appointments, viz.:—

NORTH CANONGATE SCHOOL:—

Mistress of the Infant Department:—Margaret Brander, Elizabeth D. Johnston, Agnes Loudon, Agnes C. Mackinlay, Janet E. Thomson, Christina M. Wood.

Singing-Master:—William Geoghegan, Henry Hopper, William R. Mackenzie, and James Sneddon.

STOCKBRIDGE SCHOOL:—

Second Teacher:—James V. Brown, William Kerr, Maxwell Shennan, J. W. Sinton, Christina M. Wood.

NEW STREET SCHOOL :—

Second Teacher :—James V. Brown, William Kerr, J. W. Sinton, Christina M. Wood.

CAUSEWAYSIDE SCHOOL :—

Assistant :—George Mackay, Robert Irvine, and James H. Loudon.

STOCKBRIDGE, LEITH WALK, and DALRY SCHOOLS :—

Assistants :—George Mackay, Robert Irvine, James H. Loudon, Catherine Porteous, Jane Ritchie, Christina M. Gray, Mary Gray, Janet W. Hall, Harriet Sharpe, and Christina M. Wood.

It was remitted to a Sub-Committee to prepare a list of Candidates for the office of Sewing-mistress, to be laid before the Board on Thursday, the 25th.

The Committee had application from Dr. George Robertson for permission to open a Savings Bank in West Fountainbridge School next session.

The Committee agreed to sanction the opening of a Savings Bank in this School upon the same terms upon which a Savings Bank was open in New Street School, viz. :—

(1.) That the National Security Savings Bank will undertake the entire responsibility to the children depositing in the Bank, and that neither the Board nor the teachers will be asked to share that responsibility.

(2.) That the arrangements made will not interfere with the ordinary work of the School.

The Committee agreed to recommend that a fortnight's holiday be given to the Janitors of the Schools during the holidays of the Schools, and that the Clerk be authorised to arrange the time at which each can get away.

The Committee examined and signed Form IX. for the following Schools : viz. : St. Leonard's, Stockbridge, West Port, and Victoria Terrace : and authorised a transfer from rate to the income of these Schools as follows, viz. :—St. Leonard's, £420, 11s. 3d. ; Stockbridge, £629, 1s. 3d. ; Victoria Terrace, £152, 3s. 6½d. ; West Port, £182, 11s. 11d.

The Report was approved.

The Report of the Committee on School Attendance was read :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The Committee authorised their Convener to revise the list of defaulting parents, and to submit the same to a meeting of the Board to be held in the Police Court-room, on Saturday, the 6th July, at Two o'clock P.M.

FLORA C. STEVENSON, *Convener*.

The Report was approved.

The Chairman read the Report of the High School Committee :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGH SCHOOL.

The Committee agreed to recommend that the School be closed upon the 25th ; that as in former years the Lord Provost be asked to preside

at the Exhibition, and that the Magistrates and Town-Council be asked to attend.

The Committee remitted to the Rector to take estimates for Prizes for the School, the cost not to exceed £50.

The Committee had before them the Reports of the Examiners, Professors Masson, Kelland, and Eggeling upon the Senior Classes of the School. The Committee recommend these Reports, as also the Report of the Rector upon the Junior Classes of the School, be printed for the use of Members and the Rector and Masters.

The Committee agreed to advertise for a Classical Master in room of Mr. McDonald and approved of a statement printed for use of candidates regarding the duties and emoluments of the Classical Master.

The Committee recommend that it be remitted to the Finance and Law Committees to report regarding the cost of management of the School by the Board, and especially the cost of printing and advertising, and the fund against which these expenses are properly chargeable.

The Committee request that the remit regarding the arrangements of Prospectus for next session be continued.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Convener*.

The Report was approved, and the remit regarding the arrangements and Prospectus for next session was continued.

Mr. Adamson read the following Report on the Evening Schools:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVENING SCHOOLS.

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Board the following arrangements for the Evening Classes, 1878-79, viz. :—

ARRANGEMENTS FOR EVENING CLASSES—SESSION 1878-79.

1. That the Session should begin on Monday, 30th September 1878, and end on Thursday, 13th March 1879.

2. That six classes be opened for young men, and two for young women, viz. :—Schools for young men—St. Leonard's, New Street, Leith Walk, Stockbridge, West Fountainbridge, and Dalry. For young women—Bristo Street and Stockbridge.

3. That should any class have less than an average nightly attendance of twenty-five for young men, and twenty for young women for one month, it should be closed at the end of the month for any of the first three months of the session.

4. That the classes meet on four nights of the week, viz. :—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and that the hours in the classes for young men be from 8 to 9.45, and for young women from 8 to 9.30.

5. That the branches taught be Reading, Writing, Dictation, Arithmetic, Grammar, Composition, Geography, and History, and that lessons in singing in each of the female classes be given for half an hour each week.

6. That the fee for the entire session be four shillings, and for one month of four weeks one shilling.

7. That the classes be examined by Her Majesty's Inspector early in February.

8. That a printed order or pass be given to all pupils under thirteen years of age, who are exempted by the School Board from attendance

at a Day School, and that no pupil under thirteen be admitted to any of the classes who has not this pass.

9. That pupils under thirteen be entered in a separate class-register, which should lie open for the inspection of the Compulsory Officer, who should not visit the schools before 8.30.

10. That certificates of merit should be awarded (1.) To pupils who pass in not less than two subjects in the 3d, 4th, 5th, and 6th Standards, who attend at least 45 nights in the Session, and whose conduct is good; (2.) To pupils upwards of 21 years of age who are not examined by Her Majesty's Inspector, who attend at least 50 nights in the Session, and who satisfy the teachers as to conduct and progress.

11. That the standard in which the pupil is examined be entered in the certificate.

12. That a notice of the opening of the classes be inserted, say twice in the *Scotsman*, *Daily Review*, *Courant*, and *Evening News*; that the first notice should appear about the middle of September, and that the large and small bills should be issued about a fortnight before the opening.

13. That an advertisement for assistant teachers should appear in the newspapers about the beginning of September.

14. That it be remitted to the Committee, with powers, to appoint suitable teachers to conduct the classes.

WM. ADAMSON, *Convener*.

The Report was approved.

The following Report of the Finance Committee was read:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee, along with the Committee on School Work, appointed Miss Gregory, 13 Pitt Street, to examine and report upon the Sewing instruction in the Schools, and to allow the sum of £20 for performing this duty.

The Committee approved of a report recommending the payment of 6s. 6d. per week each to two charwomen, for cleaning St. Leonard's, the arrangement to take effect as from 4th March last.

The Committee approved of a report recommending that the Janitors of West Fountainbridge and Bristo Schools be allowed, in the meantime, to have these Schools washed once in every three weeks, instead of once a fortnight.

The Committee had before them the report of the Auditors on the state of the Treasurer's Accounts, for year ended 15th May 1878. The accounts, made up in the form recommended by the Auditors and attested by them, are printed herewith. (See Appendix No. V.)

The Committee accepted an estimate from Charles Cathie, dated 7th May, for providing Uniforms for Janitors—the cost of which is £8, 15s. 6d. every eighteen months. The Committee agreed, in terms of the report of the Special Committee for supplying books, apparatus, etc., approved by the Board on 13th March, to make the following allowances to Janitors for the cleaning utensils, etc., viz.:—to the Janitor of Bristo, £3, 16s.; of Causewayside, £3, 4s.; of Dalry, £2, 7s.; of Dean, £4, 18s.; of Leith Walk, £5, 5s.; of New Street, £1, 14s.; of Stockbridge, £3, 16s.; and of West Fountainbridge, £5, 2s.

The Committee, with the sanction of the Rector and Masters of the High School, agreed to repay fees to J. Russell of the first class,

£2, 5s., and to Francis F. Galloway of the fourth class, £3, 10s., and 10s. 6d. for drawing, both of whom had been unable to attend the School during the fourth quarter through illness.

The Committee passed various Accounts.

JOHN TAWSE, *Convener*.

The Report was approved.

The Report of the Committee on School Work, which was as follows, was also read :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL WORK.

The Committee had before them the Reports by the Teachers on the state of their various Schools during the past Session; and also the Reports of Her Majesty's Inspectors in so far as these have been received. The Reports were remitted to the Convener to prepare a statement regarding them to be submitted to the Board.

The Committee had before them the lists of Prizes proposed by the Masters of the various Schools. The Clerk was instructed to intimate to the Masters that, in awarding the Prizes for each class or sub-section of a class, boys and girls of the class should be counted together, and not in separate sections.

The Committee have approved of the following scheme for the closing of the Elementary Schools :—On Tuesday the 16th, Stockbridge, Deanhaugh Street, and Roseburn Schools; Wednesday the 17th, Dalry, Dean, and West Fountainbridge Schools; Thursday the 18th, New Street, South Gray's Close, Bristo, Causewayside, St. Leonard's, West Port; Friday the 19th, Victoria Terrace, Leith Walk, and Holyrood.

THOMAS HARVEY, *Convener*.

The Report was approved.

The following Report of the Committee on Building was read :—

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The Committee and the Chairman of the Board met at Dalry School, in terms of the remit of the Board, and went over the buildings. The Clerk was instructed to write the Architect to have several matters put to rights, as pointed out to the Clerk of Works on the ground.

The Committee agreed to recommend that drinking-cups be placed in the play-grounds of Bristo School, the cost of which will be £4, 8s.; also to carry up to the roof dividing-wall in offices.

The Committee request that they should be authorised to increase the accommodation at conveniences of West Fountainbridge School.

The Committee recommend that a spare boiler at Fountainbridge School be fitted up in Dean School; also very small repairs at the same School.

The Committee recommend that the plaster of male staff-room at Stockbridge School be repaired; if this room is to be continued as a class-room, it would be better to line it with wood four feet high.

The Committee have found that the cost of asphaltting the boy's play-ground at Leith Walk School, to the extent required for drilling purposes, will amount to £95.

The Committee, on the recommendation of the Visitors, have instructed Mr. Wilson to put seats for 70 children in the Infant Department of Leith Walk School, and seats for 30 children in the Juvenile Department of the same School.

The Committee find that there are no closets provided in the teachers' rooms of North Canongate School. The Committee recommend that closets be put into the rooms. The cost will be about £60.

JAMES GOWANS, *Convener*.

It was agreed to defer the consideration of the lining of the Classroom of Stockbridge School with wood, of asphaltting the Boys' playground at Leith Walk School, and of the last paragraph of the report regarding the providing of Closets in the Teachers' rooms of North Canongate School, and to ask the Committee to explain why these were not provided in the original Estimates. Otherwise the report was approved.

The following Report, by Mr. Gowans, upon the School of North Canongate, was read :—

REPORT BY MR. GOWANS ON SCHOOL IN COURSE OF ERECTION.

North Canongate School.—Fair progress has been made with the works of this School since last report. The building is roofed, only the ridge tiles have yet to be put on. The plastering of the upper floor is finished, excepting what is left undone, until the question of closet accommodation is decided. They are busy with the second floor. The first floor is second coated, and one-half of the ground floor is first coated.

The boundary-walls are completed, and the conveniences abutting thereon are ready for the roof. With good weather, and at the same rate of progress as has been lately made, the School should be ready for occupancy by the beginning of October.

The following Reports by the Compulsory Officer were laid on the table :—

COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT for the FOUR WEEKS ending June 22, 1878.

Abstract of Statistics for the Eight Districts.

Total number of Children visited during the Four Weeks ending June 22,	3682
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Of the above number there are :—

Dead,	4
Above age,	51
Incurable,	4
Left the City,	70
Removed to other parts of the City	371
Gone to School,	2228
Absent through Temporary Causes,	954
	3682

Of the number Absent through Temporary Causes, there are :—

Refractory, ...	1
Sick, ...	474
Wanting Clothing, ...	9
Unable to pay Fees, ...	5
Considered too young, ...	26
Absent from want of Accommodation, ...	2
Absent through various causes, but under promise to send soon, ...	Fault of Parents, 380 Fault of Children, 57 }
	954

N.B.—Of the 954 Absent, 607 are returned over seven years of age, and 346 under seven.

Of the 474 returned Sick, 9 are Fever cases, 11 Hooping-Cough, and 14 Measles ; these include Children prevented from attending School owing to some member of the family having Fever, Hooping-Cough, or Measles.

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
EDINBURGH, July 5, 1878.

RETURN OF DEFAULTING PARENTS summoned before the School Board on the 1st June 1878, and not disposed of in previous Report.

To be—

Prosecuted.—3 Parents with 3 Children, all of whom are now regular at School. Total, ... 3

To be—

Prosecuted Conditionally.—2 Parents with 2 Children ; of whom there are now regular at School 1—not sent 1. Total, ... 2

To be—

Delayed.—3 Parents with 4 Children ; of whom there are now regular at School 3—not sent 1. Total, ... 4

TOTAL, ... 9

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
5th July 1878.

**COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT on Evening School Attendance of
Children under 13 years of age.**

Two Evening Schools under the Board were visited regularly each week between the 4th June and 4th July 1878, when the Rolls were examined. The result is as follows :—

Boys regular, ...	42	
„ irregular, ...	9	
„ above 13 years of age, ...	7	
„ sick, ...	3	
„ left town, ...	...	
„ gone to Day-school, ...	...	
	—	61
Girls regular, ...	30	
„ irregular, ...	2	
„ above 13 years of age, ...	2	
„ gone to Day-school, ...	...	
„ sick, ...	2	
	—	36
Total, ...	97	

One Non-Board Evening School was visited same as above. The result is as follows :—

Girls regular, ...	6	
„ irregular, ...	1	
„ above 13 years of age, ...	...	
„ sick, ...	1	
„ gone to Day-school, ...	...	
„ gone to an Institution, ...	...	
	—	
Total, ...	8	

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
5th July 1878.

The Reports were remitted to the School Attendance Committee :—

The Returns of School Attendance for the month, of which the following is an Abstract, were laid on the Table :—

ABSTRACT RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at 14 Board Schools; 6 Roman Catholic Schools; and 6 Non-Board Schools; for Four Weeks ending 28th June 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for Four Weeks ending 28th June 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.
I.—DAY SCHOOLS.												
14 Board Schools, ...	7558	5337	12895	5751	3315	9066	4910	2762	7672	85.37	83.31	84.62
6 Roman Catholic Schools, ...			Returns	not complete								
6 Non-Board Schools, ...	802	1116	1918	640	726	1366	521	548	1069	81.4	75.4	78.25
Heriot Schools, ...				Not to hand								
II.—EVENING CLASSES.												
BOARD SCHOOLS.												
1 for young Men, ...	..	..	102	..	..	60	..	..	44	..	..	75.3
1 „ Women, ...	..	..	67	..	..	43	..	..	40	..	..	93.02

[The Returns are printed in full as Appendix.]

The Returns were remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

The Chairman moved, and Mr. Dick Peddie seconded, that the Rev. William Smith, D.D., be nominated member of the Board, in room of the Rev. George Rigg, whose resignation was accepted by the Board at its last Ordinary Meeting. The motion was agreed to.

The Clerk laid upon the Table a return of attendance at Elementary Schools in Edinburgh in March 1878, together with the following Abstract of attendance at the Elementary Schools charging a fee of not more than 9d. per week, during the month of March, in each of the years 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, and 1878.

ABSTRACT OF RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at Elementary Schools (Schools with a Fee of not more than 9d. per week) in Edinburgh, during the month of March in each year since the commencement of the operation of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1872.

	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.
Number of Children who have attended School for what-ever length of time, since School opened in Autumn till following March, ...	30,156	30,602	32,751	31,845	32,756	33,458
Average Number on Roll during March, ...	25,792	24,257	25,922	25,627	25,618	26,111
Average Attendance during March, ...	not given.	19,574	20,972	20,368	21,619	22,168
Percentage of Attendances, ...	,,	80.69	80.90	79.47	84.38	84.89

Circular R. from the Board of Education was laid upon the Table. The Circular was remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

The Clerk laid upon the Table the following arrangements for the closing of the Schools, viz. :—

ARRANGEMENTS FOR CLOSING SCHOOLS.

THE BOARD SCHOOLS will be closed for the current Session as follows, viz. :—

On TUESDAY, the 16th.

Roseburn—MISS F. C. STEVENSON AND MR. DICK PEDDIE, . . . at 11 A.M.
Stockbridge—DR. HARVEY AND MR. GUTHRIE SMITH, . . . at 12 Noon.
Deanhaugh Street—DR. HARVEY AND MR. GUTHRIE SMITH, . . . at 1.15 P.M.

On WEDNESDAY, the 17th.

Dean—MISS F. C. STEVENSON AND MR. DICK PEDDIE, . . . at 11 A.M.
Dalry—Do. Do. . . at 2 P.M.
West Fountainbridge—SIR H. W. MONCREIFF, BART., MISS BLYTH,
AND MR. DICKSON, . . . at 7 P.M.

On THURSDAY, the 18th.

Causewayside—REV. DR. BEGG AND REV. W. ADAMSON, . . . at 10.30 A.M.
Bristo—MR. DICKSON, MR. GOWANS, AND MISS BLYTH, . . . at 11 A.M.
New Street, } MISS F. C. STEVENSON, AND
Stevenlaw's Close (South Gray's), } MR. CLAPPERTON, . . . at 2 P.M.
West Port—MISS BLYTH, MR. DICKSON, AND MR. GOWANS, . . . at 3 P.M.
St. Leonard's—REV. DR. BEGG AND REV. W. ADAMSON, . . . at 3 P.M.

On FRIDAY, the 19th.

Victoria Terrace—MISS F. C. STEVENSON AND MR. CLAPPERTON, . . at 11 A.M.
Leith Walk—REV. A. WILLIAMSON AND BAILIE TAWSE, . . . at 12 Noon.
Holyrood—REV. A. WILLIAMSON AND BAILIE TAWSE, . . . at 2 P.M.

The Members of the Board whose names are placed opposite the names of each School have been appointed to distribute the Prizes and to address the Children ; but it is expected that as many Members as can conveniently attend will be present at the closing of the various Schools.

The Schools will be re-opened on Monday, 2d September.

The Clerk laid upon the Table letters from Mr. M. Shennan accepting the appointment of Second Teacher of Stockbridge School, and from Miss M. Brander accepting the appointment of Infant Mistress of the Infant Department of North Canongate School. Letter was also laid upon the Table from Mr. James V. Brown, stating that he could not leave his present employment without giving four months' notice, and that, accordingly, he would be unable to enter on duty as Second Teacher of New Street School at the beginning of September. The Clerk was

instructed to intimate to Mr. Brown that the Board would not require his services till the 1st November, and to request Mr. Shennan to undertake the duties of Second Teacher of that School for the months of September and October.

It was remitted to the Sub-Committee on Cookery to report to next meeting of the Board their proposals for conducting classes for Cookery for next session.

It was intimated that Miss Guthrie Wright proposed, instead of the prize in Cookery formerly intimated by her, to give to the best girl in each School the privilege of receiving a course of practice lessons in the School of Cookery.

The Clerk laid upon the Table a letter from the Lord Provost, intimating his willingness to preside at the Exhibition of the High School on the 25th inst., and a letter from the Town-Clerk intimating that the Magistrates and Council would be present on that occasion.

Letters from Mr. Swanston regarding teacher's rooms in North Canongate School, and from Mr. Beattie, Architect, enclosing estimates for Grates and Ironmongery for the same school, were remitted to the Building Committee.

IN PRIVATE.

Letter from Miss Annie Air, Leith Walk School, asking for increase of salary, was laid on the table. The letter was remitted to the School-Work and Finance Committee.

Letters from Mr. David Philip, S.S.C., dated 4th and 10th July, and enclosing minute of agreement between himself, as representing the Board, and Mr. James Paull, Advocate, Aberdeen, representing Lieut.-Col. John Alexander Forbes, as to the feu by the Board of a site for the new School of St. Leonard's, were submitted. The Board agreed to feu the ground in terms of the agreement and letters, the annual feu being £165, and to instruct Mr. Philip to take the necessary steps to get the Titles completed and the Tenants upon the ground removed.

The Clerk was instructed to intimate to the Board of Education that the site had been secured, and to request their sanction for the loan of £14,000 as intimated in his letter to them of 3d December 1877.

The Clerk laid before the Board the following statistics of School accommodation in the districts of Stockbridge and Canonmills :—

When the Board sent in December 1873 their Report to the Board of Education on the Educational requirements of the City, and their opinion and determination upon the provisions necessary in order to meet these requirements, they had been informed that the following Schools in the districts of Stockbridge and Canonmills were about to be closed, viz. :—

	Children.
Secular School, Cumberland Street, with accommodation for .	70
St. Mary's Free Church School, Canonmills, ...	144
Northern District School, Henderson Row, ...	470
Total, ...	684

They had also been informed that the Governors of Heriot's Hospital intended to build one of their four new Schools, with a total accommodation for 1650 children, in this district. In these circumstances, the Board were of opinion that a new School, with accommodation for 500 children, erected by them, would amply meet the requirements of the district.

Since December 1873, the following additional Schools have been given up by the Managers, and, with the exception of Deanhaugh Street School temporarily kept open by the Board, have been closed, viz. :—

	Children.
St. Mary's, Canonmills—accommodation, ...	296
St. Bernard's, ...	225
Deanhaugh Street, ...	322
Total, ...	843

The state of attendance and accommodation at the various Schools in the district at present is as follows :—

	Accommodation.	Attendance.
Stockbridge School, ...	500	630
Heriot's „ say	600	530
St. Stephen's „	612	560
Trinity Episcopal School, ...	210	310
Deanhaugh Street „	322	280
	2244	2310

Deanhaugh Street School being open only temporarily, its accommodation cannot be reckoned as permanent accommodation. The permanent accommodation accordingly is 1922, or 388 below the actual attendance.

The total accommodation of all the Schools cannot always be reckoned on, because parents often remove their children from one School to another.

The Board agreed to record their opinion and determination that it is necessary to erect a School in the district of Canonmills, with accommodation for 600 children; instructed the Clerk to report this their opinion and determination to the Board of Education, together with the statistics and statement submitted to them respecting the Educational requirements of this district, and remitted to the Finance Committee, with powers to arrange as to a loan from the Public Works Loan Commissioners, to provide a site, erect and fit up an additional School for the accommodation of the Canonmills district of the City.

The Board were informed that the Town-Council proposed to sell by auction a piece of ground in the district, which would be suitable for a

School site, and they authorise the Chairman to instruct a suitable party to appear at the Sale, and buy the ground if it could be had at a reasonable price.

The Clerk laid before the Board the following Statistics of School Accommodation and Attendance in the West Port district of the City :—

When the Board sent, in December 1873, their Report to the Board of Education on the educational requirements of the city, and their opinion and determination upon the provisions necessary in order to meet these requirements, they believed, from the information before them, that the School of West Fountainbridge on the one side, and the School of Bristo on the other, would contain ample accommodation to supply the district of West Port.

They find, however, that the School of West Fountainbridge, built to accommodate 750 children, has at present an average attendance of over 900, and the School of Bristo, built to accommodate 600 children, has an actual attendance of 770 children. The Board have accordingly been unable to close the School of West Port, which, with the sanction of the Board of Education and the consent of the proprietors, they kept open until their arrangements were made. This School at present has an attendance of close upon 300 children.

The Board agreed to record their opinion and determination that it is necessary to erect a School in the district of West Port, with accommodation for 600 children ; instructed the Clerk to report this their opinion and determination to the Board of Education, together with the statistics and statement submitted to them respecting the educational provisions and requirements of this district, and remitted to the Finance Committee, with powers, to arrange as to a loan from the Public Works Loan Commissioners, to provide a site, erect and fit up an additional School for the accommodation of the West Port district of the City.

The Report of Her Majesty's Inspector on Leith Walk School was laid upon the Table. The Report was remitted to the School Work Committee.

Letter from Mr. C. H. Schneider, of date 10th July, asking that his salary be paid at the rate of £60 per teaching hour, or £360 per annum. The letter was remitted to the High School Committee to consider and report.

An approximate Estimate of the surplus upon the Fee Fund of the High School was laid upon the Table, as also a letter from the Rector and the Masters requesting the division in full of the surplus funds of the School among them, and undertaking to become responsible for any fees still unpaid, and for any Transference from the Fee Fund to the Endowment Fund of the School that may be found necessary. The Board instructed the Treasurer to pay, in terms of the Report of the

Committee on High School Financial and other arrangements of date 5th June 1873, to the Rector and Masters, the sum of £600 to account of the Surplus Funds of the School.

It was remitted to the following Committee, viz. :—Dr. Scott, Mr. Gowans, Mr. Adamson, Mr. Dick Peddie, and Bailie Tawse,—Mr. Dick Peddie, Convener, to inquire as to the terms of appointment of a permanent Architect to the Board, and to report to next meeting of the Board.

ARCHD. SCOTT,
Chairman.

APPENDIX No. I.
RETURN OF ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS for *Four Weeks ending 28th June 1878.*

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average Number on Roll for 4 weeks ending 28th June 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Bristol, ...	928	582	1510	620	284	904	527	243	770	85	85	85
Causewayside, ...	511	349	860	476	192	668	398	171	569	83	89	85
Dalry, ...	576	283	859	501	235	736	436	201	637	87	85	86
Dean, ...	528	194	722	260	147	407	216	126	342	83	85	84
Deanhaugh Street, ...	236	270	506	193	142	335	161	119	280	83	83	83
Holyrood, ...	228	338	566	200	208	408	164	165	329	82	79	80
Leith Walk, ...	900	542	1442	690	404	1094	583	310	893	84	76	81
New Street, ...	1049	633	1682	760	338	1098	651	264	915	85	78	83
Roseburn, ...	...	181	181	...	66	66	...	58	58	...	87	87
St. Leonard's, ...	743	572	1315	638	295	933	529	240	769	82	81	82
Stockbridge, ...	520	399	919	420	314	734	379	273	652	90	86	88
Victoria Terrace, ...	272	246	518	177	146	323	143	118	261	80	80	80
West Fountainbridge, ...	816	483	1299	628	391	1019	567	349	916	90	89	89
West Port, ...	251	265	516	188	153	341	156	125	281	82	81	82
Total,	7558	5337	12,895	5751	3315	9066	4910	2762	7672	85	83	84
Corresponding period last year,	6058	4582	10,640	4839	2918	7757	4038	2385	6423	83	81	82

APPENDIX No. II.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at Six Non-Board Schools for Four Weeks ending 28th June 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 28th June 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Canongate Burgh, ...	187	242	429	140	161	301	125	132	257	89.2	82.	85.38
St. Outhbert's Industrial, ...	111	...	111	74	...	74	72	...	72	97.29	...	97.29
St. John's, Pleasance, ...	...	251	251	...	188	188	...	143	143	...	76.06	76.06
Trinity Episcopal, ...	223	413	636	184	263	447	145	180	325	78.8	68.4	72.7
Lady Glenorchy's, ...	235	210	445	196	114	310	135	93	228	68.8	81.5	73.54
Blind Asylum, ...	46	...	46	46	...	46	44	...	44	95.65	...	95.65
Total,	802	1116	1918	640	726	1366	521	548	1069	81.4	75.4	78.25
Corresponding period for 5 Schools } last year	905	782	1687	766	489	1255	659	355	1014	86.	72.59	80.79

APPENDIX No. IV.

RETURNS OF ATTENDANCE *at* PUBLIC EVENING CLASSES
for Four Weeks ending 27th June 1878.

	Enrolled since School opened in March last.	Average No. on Roll for Four Weeks ending 27th June 1878.	Average Nightly Attendance for same period.	Percentage present for same period.
FOR YOUNG MEN.				
New Street, ...	102	60	44	73·3
FOR YOUNG WOMEN.				
Bristol, ...	67	43	40	93·02
TOTAL (Male and Female), . . .	169	103	84	81·55

APPENDIX V.

STATE OF THE TREASURER'S INTROMISSIONS

WITH THE FUNDS OF THE

EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD

From 16th MAY 1877 to 15th MAY 1878.

I.—GENERAL FUND CHARGE.

I. Balance at 15th May 1877—

In Commercial Bank on Current Account, ...	£469 15 0
In Treasurer's hands, ...	4 12 5½
	£474 7 5½

II. School Rates—

Amount received from—

St. Cuthbert's Parish, for 1877-78, ...	£9,369 15 2
City, ... do.	6,208 3 4
South Leith, ... do.	500 0 0
North Leith, ... do.	2 9 2
Duddingston for 1876-77, ...	2 11 4
Liberton, for 1877-1878;	3 18 1
	16,086 17 1

III. Revenue derived from Schools—

School Fees, per Schedule A, page 8;	£3,830 0 4
Grants from Scotch Education Department, per do., ...	5,099 1 2
Grants from Science and Art Department, per do., ...	34 14 6
	8,963 16 0

IV. Fines Recovered under The Education (Scotland) Act, 1872, Sections 70 and 72, ...

18 7 0

V. Grants from Science and Art Department to meet Expenses con- nected with Examinations of Elementary Schools, ...

3 0 0

VI. Miscellaneous Receipts, ...

2 10 0

VII. Repayment from the "Building Fund Account" of Advance in connection with Dalry Site, ...

42 17 8

SUM OF THE CHARGE, £25,591 15 2½

ACCOUNT.

DISCHARGE.

I. Expenses of Schools—	
1. Salaries to Teachers, per Schedule B, pages 8 and 9, ...	£11,345 9 4
2. Books, Apparatus, and Stationery, per do., ...	599 18 7½
3. Fuel and Light, per do., ...	400 17 11
4. Purchase of and Repairs to Furniture, and Cleaning, per do., ...	839 4 4½
5. Rents, Rates, Taxes, and Insurance, per do., ...	1,240 15 10½
6. Repairs to Buildings, per do., ...	363 15 9
7. Printing and Advertising, per do., ...	94 0 0
8. Salaries to Janitors, per do., ...	445 10 9
	£15,329 12 7½
II. Expenses of the Board—	
1. Salaries—	
Clerk and Treasurer, Assistants, and House Officer, etc., ...	£1,256 0 7
Compulsory Officer and Assistants, ...	792 9 10
	£2,048 10 5
2. Books and Stationery, ...	44 13 6
3. Fuel and Light, ...	26 0 10
4. Purchase of and Repairs to Furniture, and Cleaning, ...	51 15 1
5. Rent, Rates, Taxes, and Insurance, ...	188 17 9½
6. Repairs to Buildings, ...	4 3 9
7. Printing, Postages, and Advertising, ...	226 0 1
	2,590 1 5½
III. General Expenses—	
1. Travelling Expenses of Candidates for Appoint- ments as Teachers, ...	£11 2 9
2. Expenses of Deputation to London—Payment to account, ...	30 0 0
3. Law Expenses—	
General Business, ...	£16 2 8
Fee for revising Mortgages, ...	145 8 3
	161 10 11
4. Prosecution of Defaulting Parents, ...	71 12 11
5. Fees to Examiners in Religious Instruction, ...	37 16 0
	312 2 7
IV. Instalments paid on Loans of £70,000 and £35,000—	
Principal, £1758, 16s. 6d. ; Interest, £2863, 1s., ...	4,621 17 6
V. Interest paid to Commercial Bank on overdrawn Account, ...	233 7 10
VI. High School Examination Expenses for Year 1877, ...	88 1 8
VII. Alterations at High School, ...	£658 7 9
Less paid to account in prior years, ...	639 12 11
	18 14 10
VIII. Erection of New Writing Room at High School—	
Further payment to account, ...	1,291 8 10
Note.—Amount paid in prior years, ...	£408 0 0
This year, as above, ...	1,291 9 10
	Together, £1,699 8 10
IX. Balance at 15th May 1878—	
In Commercial Bank on Current Account, ...	£1,103 5 11
In Treasurer's hands, ...	3 1 11½
	1,106 7 10½
SUM EQUAL TO THE CHARGE, ...	£25,591 15 2½

EDINBURGH, 20th June 1878.—Audited and found correct.

MACANDREW & BLAIR

II.—BUILDING

CHARGE.

I. Loan from Public Works Loan Commissioners—	
Amount of Second Loan, ...	£35,000 0 0
II. Stockbridge Site—	
Received from Bryce J. Scott proportion of cost of ground on which the east gable of Janitor's House at Stockbridge School is built, ...	15 16 3
III. Stockbridge School—	
Received from Bryce J. Scott proportion of cost of erection of east gable of Janitor's House, ...	39 19 4

SUM OF THE CHARGE, . £35,055 15 7

FUND ACCOUNT.

DISCHARGE.

I. Balance due to Commercial Bank on Current Account, at 15th May 1877,		£7,038 18 6
II. Purchase of Sites and Expenses connected therewith—		
1. Bristo,	£8,490 17 1	
Less entered in prior Accounts,	5,175 13 8	
	<u>£3,315 3 5</u>	
2. Causewayside,	£3,254 4 4	
Less entered in prior Accounts,	3,220 14 1	
	<u>33 10 3</u>	
3. Leith Walk,	£3,196 16 7	
Less entered in prior Accounts,	3,164 1 10	
	<u>32 14 9</u>	
4. North Canongate,	£1,098 4 9	
Less entered in prior Accounts,	1,065 9 0	
	<u>32 15 9</u>	
5. Stockbridge,	£2,551 10 9	
Less entered in prior Accounts,	2,549 15 9	
	<u>1 15 0</u>	
6. West Fountainbridge,	£3,482 18 1	
Less entered in prior Accounts,	3,479 16 10	
	<u>3 1 3</u>	
7. Dalry—		
Amount transferred from this Account to the		
“General Fund Account,” to meet the Sum ad-		
vanced therefrom on account of Expenses,	42 17 8	
	<u>3,461 18 1</u>	
III. Erection of School Buildings—		
1. Bristo,	£9,322 19 7	
Less entered in prior Accounts,	6,478 0 0	
	<u>£2,844 19 7</u>	
2. Causewayside,	£9,683 1 7	
Less entered in prior Accounts,	8,600 2 6	
	<u>1,082 19 1</u>	
3. Dalry,		6,522 3 6
4. Leith Walk,	£14,466 11 10	
Less entered in prior Accounts,	13,056 13 3	
	<u>1,409 18 7</u>	
5. North Canongate,		4,835 3 7
6. Stockbridge,	£8,924 7 4	
Less entered in prior Accounts,	7,679 11 8	
	<u>1,244 15 8</u>	
7. West Fountainbridge,	£10,917 6 2	
Less entered in prior Accounts,	10,237 10 8	
	<u>679 15 6</u>	
		18,619 15 6
IV. Interest paid to Commercial Bank on overdrawn Account,		3 0 0
V. Balance due by Commercial Bank on Current Account, at 15th May 1878,		5,932 3 6
SUM EQUAL TO THE CHARGE,		<u>£35,055 15 7</u>

EDINBURGH, 20th June 1878.—Audited and found correct.

MACANDREW & BLAIR.

III.—HIGH SCHO

CHARGE.

I. *Balance due by Royal Bank, on Current Account, at 15th May 1877, £91*

II. Endowment Fund—

Amount received from the Town-Council of Edinburgh, . . . 24

III. School Fees—

Matriculation, ...	£105 15 0
Prescribed Course, ...	4,899 3 7
Music, ...	97 10 0
Drawing, ...	107 6 6
Hindustani, ...	1 1 0
Military Drill, ...	45 10 0
Fencing and Gymnastics, ...	13 2 6
Shorthand, ...	10 10 0
Fortification and Engineering	4 4 0

5,21

IV. Interest allowed by Royal Bank on Account Current, . . .

SUM OF THE CHARGE, £6,51

FUND ACCOUNT.

DISCHARGE.

Masters' Salaries, ...	£5,429 3 7
Janitor's Salary, ...	77 3 6
Repairs to Buildings, ...	44 17 11
Rents, Taxes, and Insurance, ...	50 16 5
Replacement of and Repairs to Furniture, and Cleaning, ...	117 11 11
Fuel and Light, ...	61 9 4
Books, Apparatus, and Stationery, ...	81 13 11
Prizes, ...	75 4 11
Printing, Postages, and Advertising, ...	74 1 4
Legal Expenses, ...	3 4 3
Expense of Collecting Arrears of Fees, ...	0 14 3

£6,016 1 4

Note.—Amount of School Expenses charged against this Fund, as above, ... £6,016 1 4

Add—Charged against General Fund, page 3—

Examination Expenses, ... £88 1 8

Alteration at the High School, ... 18 14 10

106 16 6

Together, £6,122 17 10

Balance due by Royal Bank, on Current Account, at 15th May 1878, ... 504 0 8

SUM EQUAL TO THE CHARGE, £6,520 2 0

EDINBURGH, 20th June 1878.—Audited and found correct.

MACANDREW & BLAIR.

SCHEDULE B.

d	Purchase of and Repairs to Furniture, and Cleaning.	Rents, Rates, Taxes, and Insurance	Repairs to School Build- ings.	Printing and Advertising.	Salaries of Janitors.	TOTAL EXPENDI- TURE.
d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
0	55 1 7	102 10 11	...	24 18 11	43 11 3	936 8 11½
9	...	...	...	...	...	1 1 9
0	67 3 6½	90 7 2½	11 8 7	1 12 0	54 7 0	1374 10 10
6	...	...	0 3 0	...	...	35 3 9
3	16 3 3	275 0 6	...	15 3 6	16 8 0	516 6 8
8	61 16 2½	40 4 1	15 8 8	5 18 3	59 0 6	724 3 4½
0	12 19 9	1 16 11	8 1 11	0 10 9	...	489 5 4
6	22 13 4	14 8 3	19 1 10	1 16 4½	...	551 5 8½
8	106 4 6	133 13 10	19 13 3	4 8 0	57 17 0	1563 8 10½
6	...	...	4 10 9	...	...	55 14 8
8	137 19 2½	79 2 7½	50 7 3	7 10 7	57 17 0	1800 1 7
8	12 19 0	86 19 9	2 14 11	0 10 9	...	321 3 0
6	...	...	14 19 6	...	...	17 3 0
9	27 16 5½	64 16 1½	62 13 1	0 18 4½	...	361 1 9
...	...	...	2 7 0	...	...	2 7 0
6	19 18 5	11 19 6	10 8 5	1 6 1½	...	545 11 11½
3	5 15 9	16 1 0	1 2 11	...	...	156 7 4
6	46 5 3	45 2 11	49 6 1	11 15 10	...	1296 2 5
11	7 17 9½	27 10 0	...	...	...	156 1 4½
10	79 4 2	92 9 3½	18 14 8	8 2 0	57 17 0	1493 11 10½
9	19 18 7	41 12 7½	8 4 0	0 7 6	...	385 7 7½
9	121 4 7	114 18 4	15 12 6	2 13 11	80 1 0	1705 4 5
8	15 19 4	2 2 0	48 17 5	0 8 10½	...	473 6 3½
2	...	...	...	0 18 7	3 0 0	39 18 3
6	...	...	...	0 13 4	5 2 6	78 10 8
6	1 0 2	...	...	0 19 10	2 7 6	51 14 10
1	1 0 0	...	...	0 13 4	2 2 0	38 18 5
7	...	...	...	0 13 4	3 0 0	48 3 0
6	0 3 6	...	...	0 13 3	...	29 5 8
1	...	...	...	0 13 4	3 0 0	60 4 4
11	...	...	...	0 13 3	...	21 18 4
11	839 4 4½	1240 15 10½	363 15 9	94 0 0	445 10 9	15329 12 7½

£8963, 16s. 0d., amounting to £6365, 16s. 7½d., is the Sum chargeable upon the
of the Elementary Schools.

MINUTE OF MEETING
OF
EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD
HELD ON
THURSDAY, 25th JULY 1878.

AT a Meeting of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD, held in the
Offices of the BOARD, No. 9 South Castle Street, on
*Thursday, the 25th day of July 1878, at half-past
Three o'clock P.M. :*

Present,—

Rev. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., *Chairman.*

Rev. JAMES BEGG, D.D.

Rev. WM. SMITH, D.D.

Rev. SIR H. W. MONCREIFF,
Bart., D.D.

Miss PHOEBE BLYTH.

Miss F. C. STEVENSON.

THOMAS HARVEY, Esq., LL.D.

Rev. WM. ADAMSON.

DAVID DICKSON, Esq.

JAMES GOWANS, Esq.

JOHN CLAPPERTON, Esq.

Apology for absence from the Rev. A. Williamson was read.

The Minutes of last Ordinary Meeting were held as read, and signed
by the Chairman.

The following Minutes of a Private Meeting of the Board, held on
the 22d day of July, were approved, viz. :—

AT a Private Meeting of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD, held in
the Offices of the BOARD, 9 South Castle Street, on *Monday,*
22d day of July 1878, at Three o'clock P.M. :

Present,—

Rev. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., *Chairman.*

Rev. JAMES BEGG, D.D.

Rev. WM. SMITH, D.D.

THOMAS HARVEY, LL.D.

Miss PHOEBE BLYTH.

Miss FLORA C. STEVENSON.

J. GUTHRIE SMITH, Esq.

Rev. WM. ADAMSON.

J. CLAPPERTON, Esq.

D. DICKSON, Esq.

The Rev. Dr. Smith was present and took his seat as a member of
the Board.

The Board having considered the applications for the vacant Classical
Mastership in the High School, resolved to fill the vacancy on Thursday
the 25th inst., and agreed to ask the following leet to meet them at
3.30 P.M. on that day, viz. :—Alexander Anderson, M.A., Edinburgh;

James Cranstoun, B.A., LL.D., Dumfries; William Y. King, M.A., B.A., Musselburgh; George Strathairn, Edinburgh; William Maybin, B.A., Kirkcaldy; Thomas T. M'Lagan, M.A., Edinburgh.

Dr. Harvey read the following Special Report on Leith Walk School:—

SPECIAL REPORT ON LEITH WALK SCHOOL.

The Committee had for some time been aware that the state of affairs in Leith Walk School was unsatisfactory; and the Report of the Head-master upon the condition of the School brought the fact very prominently under their notice. In this Report, Mr. Alexander states that the second Teacher, Mr. Yule, has failed in *obedience, diligence, punctuality, attention to duty in playground, and exemplary conduct*. The Committee asked Mr. Alexander to appear before them and specify the particular acts of disobedience, etc., on the part of Mr. Yule, of which he complained. Mr. Yule also appeared before them, and made explanations regarding the charges brought against him.

The Committee regret that they are not able, as the result of their inquiries, to come to any immediate settlement of the case. While not satisfied with some of the explanations made by the second Teacher, the Committee are not prepared to state to what extent the condition of the School is to be attributed to the conduct of Mr. Yule, and to what extent to the Head-master. They have accordingly agreed to request the Board to authorise them to make, in the beginning of December next, inquiry of a thorough-going character into the condition of the School, and, if matters are not in a satisfactory condition at that date, to recommend to the Board such steps as, in their opinion, will put this large School in an efficient state.

They recommend also that a copy of this Report be sent to the Head-master and to the second Teacher.

THOMAS HARVEY.

The Report was approved.

The Clerk laid upon the table the following statement of the allocation of £600 of the Surplus High School Fee-funds, authorised by the Board to be paid to the Rector and Masters:—

ALLOCATION OF £600 of the SURPLUS HIGH SCHOOL FUNDS, *authorised by the Board, at its Meeting of 10th June 1878, to be paid to the Rector and Masters of the School.*

According to the Report of the Committee on High School financial and other arrangements, dated 5th June 1873, the revenue from fees in excess of the sums paid in salaries in course of the year falls to be divided among the Rector and Masters in proportion to their salaries.

Additional masters were appointed in 1876, and the financial arrangement with them and the other masters is as follows:—"The new teachers to share in the surplus of the school income, beyond the sum attained this year, in proportion to their respective salaries."

In the approximate estimate before the Board a sum of £1051, 1s. 1d. is shown as a probable surplus in favour of the Fee-fund for 1877-78, but what the exact amount may be when the accounts for the year are finally adjusted, the Board are at present unable to determine. They

are, however, of opinion that £900 at least will fall to be divided among the Rector and Masters, in terms of the above arrangements.

The surplus, at the time of the arrangement between the old masters and the new, above referred to, was £755, 6s. 3½d., or roughly about five-sixths of the estimated surplus of this year. In the surplus, to the extent of £755, 6s. 3½d., the three masters, appointed in 1876, Mr. M'Lagan, Mr. Gibson, and Mr. Black, do not participate; in the balance they share with the others in proportion to their salaries. In apportioning the £600 to be paid over just now, £500, or five-sixths, has been distributed to the Rector and Masters, to the exclusion of the masters above-named; and £100, or one-sixth, among all the masters, including these three.

When the exact amount of the balance of the surplus for the year is determined, it will be apportioned as follows:—The difference between £755, 6s. 3½d. and £500, or £255, 6s. 3½d., will be distributed among the Rector and Masters, to the exclusion of the three teachers above named, and the remainder among all the teachers, including these three.

The following are the exact sums found to be due to each:—

	Out of £500 apportioned to Rector and Masters, except three.	Out of £100 apportioned to Rector and all the Masters.	TOTAL.
Dr. Donaldson, . . . £700	£102 12 10	£17 4 10	£119 17 8
Wm. Macdonald, . . . 420	61 11 8	10 6 11	71 18 7
T. Jeffrey, . . . 420	61 11 8	10 6 11	71 18 7
John M. Ross, . . . 420	61 11 8	10 6 11	71 18 7
David Norrie, . . . 250	36 13 2	6 3 1	42 16 3
David Munn, . . . 420	61 11 8	10 6 11	71 18 7
James Arnot, . . . 300	43 19 9	7 7 9	51 7 6
A. V. Ravensberg, . . . 180	26 7 10	4 8 8	30 16 6
C. H. Schneider, . . . 300	43 19 9	7 7 9	51 7 6
J. T. M'Lagan, . . . 250		6 3 1	6 3 1
James Gibson, . . . 200		4 18 7	4 18 7
J. J. A. Black, . . . 200		4 18 7	4 18 7
	£500 0 0	£100 0 0	£600 0 0

The Board authorised the Clerk, as Treasurer, to pay to the Rector and Masters of the High School the sums thus allocated to them respectively.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Chairman.*

The Board had interview with the following leet of Candidates for the vacant Classical Mastership in the High School, viz.:—Alexander Anderson, M.A., Edinburgh; James Cranstoun, B.A., LL.D., Dumfries; William Y. King, M.A., B.A., Musselburgh; George Strathairn, Edinburgh; William Maybin, B.A., Kirkcaldy; Thomas T. M'Lagan, M.A., Edinburgh.

After a vote was taken, James Cranstoun, B.A., LL.D., Rector of Dumfries Academy, was found to have a majority of votes, and he was accordingly elected Classical Master of the High School in terms of the advertisement issued by the Board and the printed statement of

the duties and emoluments pertaining to the office, dated 6th July 1878, and supplied to candidates. The Clerk was instructed to intimate to Dr. Cranstoun that the appointment is, in terms of the Act of Parliament, during the pleasure of the Board, and that the engagement between him and the Board comes to an end upon either party giving a month's notice to the other of their wish that it should terminate. The clerk was further instructed to explain to Dr. Cranstoun that from the salary payable in each year under this agreement, as from the salaries of the other masters of the High School, there falls to be deducted a proportion of the balance still unpaid of the sum of £308, 7s. 11d., being the amount of the account for repairs on the High School executed by the Board in 1873, until the whole be paid off.

The Board unanimously agreed to raise the salary of Mr. T. T. MacLagan, M.A., Classical Master, from £250 to £300 per annum. The increase to date from the beginning of October next, on the understanding that the Rector and the Masters concur.

The following Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to choose a leet for the office of Assistant in Causewayside School was read :—

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE appointed to choose a Leet for the office
of ASSISTANT IN CAUSEWAYSIDE SCHOOL.

The Committee agreed to recommend George Mackay, Aberdeen, Caleb Hardy, Edinburgh, and Samuel S. Low, Leith, and instructed the Clerk to ask these gentlemen to meet the Board on Thursday, the 25th inst.

ARCHD. SCOTT.

After these candidates had been seen, it was agreed to elect George Mackay, Aberdeen, Assistant in Causewayside School.

Miss Blyth read the report of Sub-Committee appointed to recommend a leet of Candidates for the office of Sewing-mistress of North Canongate School.

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE appointed to recommend a Leet of Candi-
dates for the office of SEWING-MISTRESS.

The Committee agreed to recommend Miss Mackay, Musselburgh Grammar School, and Mrs. Fanny Smith, Leith, for the office of Sewing-Mistress of North Canongate School, with a special recommendation in favour of Miss Mackay.

PHOEBE BLYTH, *Convener*.

The Board agreed to appoint Miss Mackay, Musselburgh Grammar School, Sewing-mistress of North Canongate School.

Mr. Adamson read the following Report of the Committee on Evening Schools :—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EVENING SCHOOLS.

The Committee agreed to appoint the following teachers to conduct the Evening Classes for next Session, viz. :—

FOR YOUNG MEN.

<i>St. Leonard's,</i>	.	.	.	.	Mr. Edward Harley.
<i>New Street,</i>	.	.	.	.	„ William Glass.
<i>Leith Walk,</i>	.	.	.	.	„ William Brown.
<i>Stockbridge,</i>	.	.	.	.	„ David Duke.
<i>West Fountainbridge,</i>	.	.	.	.	„ George Robertson.
<i>Dalry,</i>	.	.	.	.	„ William U. Martin.

FOR YOUNG WOMEN.

<i>Bristo Street,</i>	.	.	.	.	Mr. Andrew Peattie.
<i>Stockbridge,</i>	.	.	.	.	Miss Christina Gray.
<i>Singing Master,</i>	.	.	.	.	Mr. Duncan Fraser.

The Committee request the Board to authorise them to appoint the necessary assistants after the classes have opened.

WM. ADAMSON, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

In the absence of Bailie Tawse, the Chairman read the following Report of the Finance Committee :—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee recommend the Board to pay the following fees to the Examiners of the High School for this year :—Professor Eggeling, £14, 14s. ; Professor Kelland, £7, 7s ; Professor Masson, £7, 7s.

The Committee also instructed the Treasurer to pay the following fees to the Examiners in Religious Knowledge :—to Mr. Paterson, £21 ; and to Mr. Currie, £21.

The Committee, in terms of the remit of the Board, prepared a statement of the cost of Evening Classes. They recommend that they be also instructed to prepare a similar statement of the cost of the Day-schools, and that both be printed together.

The Committee recommend that the sum of 10s. 6d., being half-quarter's fee for Mathematics, be returned to David T. Legat, a pupil in the High School.

The Committee passed various accounts.

JOHN TAWSE, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

The Report by Messrs. Macandrew and Blair upon the accounts of the Board for the year 1877-78 was laid upon the Table.

It was agreed to publish the accounts as submitted to the Board at their meeting of 10th July.

The Committee were instructed to present to the Board a statement of the cost of all the Schools whose accounts for Building are closed.

The Chairman, in the absence of Sheriff Guthrie Smith, read the following Report of the joint meeting of the Committees on Law and Finance :—

REPORT BY JOINT-COMMITTEES ON LAW AND FINANCE.

The Joint-Committees of Law and Finance had under consideration a remit from the Board in the following terms, viz. :—"That it be remitted to the Finance and Law Committees to report regarding the cost of management of the High School by the Board, and especially the cost of printing and advertising, and the fund against which these expenses are properly chargeable."

The Joint-Committees, after consideration, have to report that they are of opinion that the expense of advertising for candidates, when a vacancy requires to be filled in the High School, is part of the expense connected with the general administration of the Board, and ought to be charged against the School Fund, and not against the funds of the High School. The duty of selecting and appointing masters is one of the statutory duties of the Board, and it appears to us to be reasonable that the expense which the Board has to incur in performing this duty ought to be treated in the same way as other office expenditure, such as the salaries of the Board's officials, the cost of books of account, returns to the Board of Education, etc. But the expense of advertising the opening of the session, printing the Annual Prospectus, and the like, is part of the expense of School Management, and therefore properly chargeable, in terms of the Statute, against the ordinary revenue of the School. We may add that we have communicated on this subject with the Boards of Glasgow, Aberdeen, and Perth. In Perth and Aberdeen the expense of conducting the annual examination is the only item of expenditure chargeable to the School Fund; but in Glasgow none of the items, as to which a question has arisen, are charged against the funds of the High School; and, although it is difficult to make any satisfactory distinction as to parts of the expenditure, it seems to us that the one which is now suggested will fairly meet the justice of the case.

J. GUTHRIE SMITH, *Convener*.

The Report was approved.

Dr. Harvey read the following Report of the Committee on School Work :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL WORK.

The Committee agreed to recommend John Grant, David Ramage, and Alexander Campbell, with special recommendation of the first named, for the office of Janitor of North Canongate School.

The Committee, and the Finance Committee, had before them a letter from Miss Air, Leith Walk School, dated 11th June, asking for

an increase of salary, and also the remit of the Board regarding this matter. The Committees agreed to recommend that Miss Air remain in the meantime in the Infant Department at her present salary.

THOMAS HARVEY, *Convener*.

The Report was approved. John Grant was appointed Janitor of North Canongate School.

Mr. Gowans read the following Report of the Committee on Building:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUILDING.

The Committee instructed Mr. Wilson to get the following repairs, etc., done at the various Schools during the holidays:—

High School.—Repairs of roof of play-shed; some gravel upon play-ground; repair of forms, locks, etc.; some shelving and pigeon holes in Dr. Donaldson's room; examination of drains of janitor's house; and painting of new writing-room.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

(1.) *Stockbridge School*.—To line the walls of male staff-room with wood 4 feet high; to sweep down the high walls of the School-room.

(2.) *New Street School*.—Some repairs on roof and fittings; hearth-rug for Mistress's room; sizing of ground floor; a new trap grating in girls' play-ground.

(3.) *St. Leonard's School*.—To be sized; desks to be repaired.

(4.) *Victoria Terrace School*.—Some repairs on windows and fittings.

(5.) *West Port School*.—Walls and ceilings to be sized; a new drinking fountain to be provided; some repairs on windows and plaster.

(6.) *Holyrood School*.—To be sized; some small repairs on windows, etc.

(7.) *Deanhaugh Street School*.—To be sized; iron grating in one of the play-courts; repairs on windows and plaster.

(8.) *Roseburn School*.—Panels of glass and iron sink in play-ground.

(9.) *Dean School*.—Some sizing and painting in janitor's house; small repairs.

(10.) *Leith Walk School*.—Some sizing and painting in janitor's house; some little repairs.

The Committee recommend that the walls of the staircases of Leith Walk School, for four feet high, be finished with cement or with wood, the plaster being much broken. They also recommend that the entrance to the boys' play-ground be asphalted.

The Committee request the Board to authorise them to take estimates for desks, seats, and painting, etc., for North Canongate School.

The Committee agreed to instruct Mr. Beattie, the Architect, to accept an estimate for fifteen patent Manchester School Grates for North Canongate School, amounting to £103, 11s. 2d.

The Committee agreed to recommend that the recesses in the Masters' and Mistresses' rooms of North Canongate School be fitted up with cupboards, and that the two vacant plots of ground to the south of the building be railed in and planted with shrubs.

The Committee had before them the remit of the Board asking an explanation of the reason why closet accommodation for staff of teachers was not provided in the original estimates for this School.

The Committee have to state that the conveniences were provided in the plan of the School, as originally prepared, but the towers in which they were placed having been done away with by order of the Board, these conveniences were also removed, and two provided in the covered play-ground. The Committee are of opinion that this arrangement will suffice.

The Committee instructed the Clerk to ask Messrs. Moffat and Aitken, Architects, to inquire regarding smell complained of in one of the teacher's rooms in Bristo School.

JAMES GOWANS, *Convener*.

It was agreed to provide closet accommodation in the Teachers' rooms of North Canongate School, the cost not to exceed £60. Otherwise the Report was approved, and the Committee were instructed to accept estimates for painting, etc., and for the supply of suitable seats, desks, galleries for this School.

Dr. Begg read the following Report of the Sub-Committee on Cookery:—

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON COOKERY.

The Committee during last Winter conducted classes in connection with the Edinburgh School of Cookery in the following schools, viz.:—Stockbridge (where the girls of Deanhaugh Street School attended the Cookery lesson); Leith Walk; Bristo; and Dean Schools. All the girls over twelve years of age, or who had passed the IV. Standard attended these classes. The cost of conducting them is £32, 6s.

The Committee had a letter from Miss Guthrie Wright reporting on the Examination of the various classes. From the report the Committee are glad to be able to state that very good work is being done by these classes.

The School of Cookery, according to the arrangements made with the Board, held Evening Classes for the people of the several districts in the same schools.

The Committee request the Board to authorise them to open classes under the same arrangements next Winter in the following schools, viz.:—Dalry, West Fountainbridge, New Street, and Causewayside Schools.

JAMES BEGG, *Convener*.

The Report was approved. The Board agreed to record their thanks to Miss Guthrie Wright, the Secretary, and to the Managers of the Edinburgh School of Cookery, for the valuable assistance which they had given to the Board in providing the means for securing instruction in this important branch of education to the girls attending the Board's Schools.

The Report by the Special Committee on the appointment of a permanent Architect to the Board was read as follows:—

REPORT BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF A PERMANENT ARCHITECT TO THE BOARD.

The Committee are of opinion that the time has come for the appointment of an Architect whose duty it will be to look after the

property of the Board, and to prepare plans, and superintend the erection of such new schools as may be, from time to time, required.

They are of opinion that the office of Architect and the office of Superintendent of Works, at present held by Mr. Robert Wilson, Architect, should be held by the same person.

According to the arrangement with Mr. Wilson, the Board pay a salary of £150, and Mr. Wilson reports upon such repairs, alterations, or additions as are required, furnishes plans of the same, and sees that they are properly executed, where the cost of such repairs, etc., does not exceed £100.

The Committee recommend that the office of Architect to the Board be offered to Mr. Wilson, at his present salary of £150; that for this salary he be asked to discharge the duties which he has discharged hitherto; and that the Board engage to employ him to prepare plans and superintend the erection of all their new schools, and of such repairs, etc., as may exceed in cost £100, and to pay him commission therefor at the rate of 3 per cent.

J. DICK PEDDIE, *Convener*.

Dr. Begg moved, and Mr. Adamson seconded, that the report be adopted, and that Mr. Wilson, if he accept the appointment, be requested to prepare plans, without delay, for the new School to be erected at St. Leonard's, with due regard to comfort and suitable accommodation, but on as economical a scale as is consistent with these conditions. This motion was agreed to.

Mr. Gowans read the following report on North Canongate School:—

The Contractors for the several departments of work are making good progress in this favourable weather, and at the same rate of progress the building should be ready by the time mentioned in last report.

JAMES GOWANS, *Convener*.

Miss Stevenson read the following reports regarding children receiving aid from the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, and regarding children under 13 years of age admitted to Evening Classes.

REPORT by Miss STEVENSON on the Children receiving aid from the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor; and on Children under thirteen years of age admitted to Evening Classes.

REPORT ON DESTITUTE AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN.

During the Session 1877-78 the Joint-Committee appointed to consider the condition of destitute and neglected children held seven meetings in 69 Hanover Street. Miss F. C. Stevenson was present at five of these meetings. The cases of 127 families, representing 289 children, were considered, and the Joint-Committee resolved as follows, viz. :—

Food was granted to	.	.	.	158	children.	
Food and clothing	.	.	.	38	do.	
Clothing (only)	.	.	.	25	do.	
						221
Cases delayed of	.	.	.	20	do.	
„ withdrawn	.	.	.	8	do.	
„ refused	.	.	.	40	do.	
						68
						289

REPORT OF CHILDREN under 13 years of age passed for Evening
Schools, during the Session 1877-78.

Date of Meeting.	Number Examined.		Number passed.		Number refused.		Total number of children passed.	Total number of children refused.
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.		
24th September 1877,	22	10	22	10	...	...	32	...
19th October 1877, .	25	13	25	12	...	1	37	1
23d October 1877, .	22	18	21	14	1	4	35	5
8th November 1877, .	29	15	24	10	5	5	34	10
13th December 1877, .	14	10	13	10	1	...	23	1
22d January 1878, .	5	4	4	4	1	...	8	1
26th February 1878, .	13	4	11	4	2	...	15	2
22d March 1878, .	8	4	8	4	...	..	12	...
8th April 1878, .	2	6	2	6	...	...	8	...
TOTALS, . .	140	84	130	74	10	10	204	20
	224						224	

These meetings were held in New Street School, and were attended by Miss Stevenson, Miss Blyth, and Mr. Adamson.

FLORA C. STEVENSON.

The following Report by the Compulsory Officer for the month was laid upon the table ; as also his report for the session 1877-78 :—

COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT for the THREE WEEKS ending
July 13, 1878.

Abstract of Statistics for the Eight Districts.

Total number of Children visited during the Three Weeks
ending July 13, ... 1980

Of the above number there were found :—

Dead, ...	2
Above age, ...	26
Incurable, ...	...
Left the City, ...	58
Removed to other parts of the City	51
Gone to School, ...	1265
Absent through Temporary Causes, ...	578
	1980

Of the number Absent through Temporary Causes, there
were :—

Refractory, ...	3
Sick, ...	285
Wanting Clothing, ...	9
Unable to pay Fees, ...	16
Considered too young, ...	8
Absent from want of Accommodation, ...	...
Absent through various causes, but under promise to send soon, ...	{ Fault of Parents, 218 } { Fault of Children, 39 } . 257
	578

N.B.—Of the 578 Absent, 363 are returned over seven years of age, and 215 under seven.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
EDINBURGH, July 13, 1878.

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

COMPULSORY OFFICER'S RETURN FOR THE TEN MONTHS ENDING 13TH JULY 1878

District.	Number Visited during the Ten Months ending 13th July 1878.	Dead.	Above Age.	Incurable.	Left the City.	Re-moved to other parts of City.	Gone to School.	Absent through Tem-porary Causes.	Of the Number Absent through Temporary Causes, there are—								Under 7 years of Age.
									Refrac-tory.	Sick.	From Want of Cloth-ing.	Unable to pay Fees.	Con-sidered too young.	From Want of Accom-moda-tion.	Under Promise to send soon.	Above 7 Years of Age.	
1. Canonsgate,	4729	8	76	6	114	125	2374	2026	...	1042	52	64	65	29	774	1276	750
2. High Street,	4294	3	40	9	56	75	2182	1929	8	668	31	25	29	...	1168	1260	669
3. Cowgate,	4262	8	54	14	84	172	2547	1383	8	706	43	35	93	1	497	793	590
4. Grassmarket,	4042	7	55	3	52	85	2160	1680	13	501	29	5	19	17	1096	895	785
5. Fountainbridge,	5147	5	67	...	83	98	2202	2692	...	810	9	3	17	36	1817	1874	1118
6. Stockbridge,	5302	4	70	...	69	173	2280	2706	...	1344	...	...	...	130	1232	1375	731
7. Greenside,	3957	1	10	...	59	158	1810	1919	...	730	35	14	39	...	1101	966	953
8. Pleasance,	5143	8	57	...	53	149	2490	2386	...	1148	23	13	81	...	1121	1450	936
Visits made } by Officer, }	1240	...	...	...	...	...	946	294	41	...	86	40	...	...	127	294	...
Total,	38,116	44	429	32	570	1035	18,991	17,015	70	6949	308	199	343	213	8,933	10,483	6532

NOTE.—There are upwards of three thousand children requiring the fortnightly or monthly visit of the Officer, and consequently are represented several times in the columns headed: "number visited"—"gone to school"—"absent through temporary causes"—and "under promise to send soon."

D. MILLER, Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET, 20th July 1878.

The Reports were remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

The Reports by Examiners in Religious Instruction were laid upon the table. It was agreed to print the Reports for the use of Members of the Board, and of the teachers.

The Report of the Examiner of Sewing was laid upon the table. The Report was remitted to the Committee on School Work.

The Clerk laid upon the table letters accepting appointments by the following teachers and assistants, viz. :—Mr. James V. Brown, second Teacher of New Street School; Miss C. M. Wood, first Assistant, and Miss Jane Ritchie, second Assistant, in the Juvenile Department of Stockbridge School; Miss C. M. Gray, first Assistant Juvenile Department of Leith Walk School; Mr. James H. Loudon, Assistant in Dalry School; Mr. William Geoghegan, Singing-Master, North Canongate School; Miss Harriet C. Sharp, second Assistant in the Infant Department of West Fountainbridge School.

It was agreed that the next ordinary Meeting of the Board be held on the second Wednesday of October, and that, as in former years, all members of the Board available will be regarded as members of any Committees that it may be found necessary to summon up to that date.

Mr. Gibson, the Cashier, was authorised to act as Clerk during the Clerk's absence.

The Clerk was instructed to put the Rev. Dr. Smith's name upon the Committees of which Mr. Rigg had been a member.

It was agreed to publish the Report of the Examiners of the High School.

IN PRIVATE.

Dr. Harvey read a report prepared by him upon the various Elementary Schools. It was agreed to print the report to be laid before the Meeting of the Board in October.

Dr. Scott read the following Report of the High School Committee :—

REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Committee have considered the application of Mr. C. H. Schneider for an increase of salary. They had also a statement from the Rector that the Rector and Masters, on a former occasion, recommended that this request of Mr. Schneider's be granted.

The Committee recommend that Mr. Schneider's salary be raised to £350 per annum, the increase to date from the beginning of next session.

The Committee agreed to recommend the Board to accept the resig-

nation of Lieutenant Mackie, Teacher of Civil and Mining Engineering, etc., etc.; and in consideration of his long connection with the School, recommend to make payment to Mr. Mackie of the sum of £20 out of the School Fund.

The Committee recommend that the Board intimate to the Rector and Masters of the High School, that no classes except those in the Prospectus shall be taught in the School.

The Committee recommend that the fourth quarter of the School commence in future on the 16th day of May, instead of on the 15th.

The Committee recommend that the Botany Class be discontinued for next session, but that Mr. Sadler's name be retained in the Prospectus as teacher of Botany.

The Committee agreed to recommend that the following scheme be adopted as the work of the Rector and Classical Masters for the ensuing Session, viz. :—

	Rector.	Mr. Jeffrey.	Dr. Cranstoun.	Mr. M'Lagan.
9—10	...	VI. Class.	V. Class.	IV. Class.
10—10.45	VI. Class.	III. "	II. "	I. "
10.45—11.30	V. "	III. "	II. "	I. "
11.30—12.15	...	...	...	IV. "
12.15—12.30	...	...	...	...
12.30—1.15	V. and VI.	Modern.	V. "	I. "
1.15—2	VI. "	III. "	II. "	I. "
2—3	...	III. "	II. "	IV. "

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Convener*.

The Report was approved.

The Committee were instructed to elect a teacher of Civil and Mining Engineering, etc. etc., in room of Lieutenant Mackie resigned.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Chairman*.

MINUTE OF MEETING
OF
EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD
HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 9th OCTOBER 1878.

AT a Meeting of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD, held in the
Offices of the BOARD, No. 9 South Castle Street, on
Wednesday, the 9th day of October 1878, at Three
o'clock P.M. :

Present,—

Rev. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., *Chairman.*

Rev. JAMES BEGG, D.D.

Rev. WM. SMITH, D.D.

Rev. WM. ADAMSON.

Rev. ALEX. WILLIAMSON.

THOMAS HARVEY, Esq., LL.D.

JOHN CLAPPERTON, Esq.

JAMES GOWANS, Esq.

DAVID DICKSON, Esq.

JOHN TAWSE, Esq.

Miss PHOEBE BLYTH.

Miss FLORA C. STEVENSON.

The Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting were held as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following report of the School Management Committee was read and approved :—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT.

North Canongate School.—The Committee agreed that one of the large class-rooms upon the first floor be used as a sewing-room. They accepted the estimate of Mr. Thomas Laurie for desks, and instructed the Architect to take estimates for galleries and seats. It was agreed to charge the following fees in this School :—

Infant Department,	.	.	.	.	8d. per month.
Juvenile "	.	I. Standard,	.	1s.	"
" "	II. and III.	"	.	1s. 4d.	"
" "	IV. V. and VI.	"	.	1s. 8d.	"

Bristo School.—The Treasurer was instructed to pay the balances due to the various contractors for the School; and further, to pay to Messrs. Davidson and Chisholm, Joiners, the sum of £80, and to Mr. A. Dickson, Plumber, the sum of £20, as recommended by the Architects (Moffatt & Aitken) in their letter of 15th June.

St. Leonard's School.—A letter from Mr. C. J. Thomson, dated 4th September, asking that new flooring be put in and some repairs executed at this School, was remitted to the Building Committee and Mr. Wilson was instructed to report upon the matter to that Committee.

Mr. Wilson, the Architect, submitted plans for a new School in St.

Leonard's district, to accommodate 900 children, including Janitor's house. The Committee approved of the plans, and instructed Mr. Wilson to prepare Specifications, and obtain estimates for the work with as little delay as possible. It was agreed to allow the tenants on the site of the School to remain in the meantime at the present rents, on their undertaking to remove at a week's notice.

Dalry School.—The Committee instructed the Treasurer to pay wages (£6), to Andrew Scott, Clerk of Works at this School, for the period from 18th May to 14th June.

Leith Walk School.—The state of the road at Leith Walk School was under consideration. It was remitted to the Building Committee to take the necessary steps to have the road put into good order.

New Street (South Gray's Close) School.—Miss Thomson, the Sewing-Mistress, having resigned, the Committee appointed Mrs. Cooper, Sewing-Mistress, Holyrood School, in her room.

Leith Walk and Causewayside Schools.—The Committee transferred the services of Miss Bonnar, Assistant in Causewayside School, to Leith Walk School, until North Canongate be opened.

High School.—The Committee appointed Mr. J. G. Fairweather, C.E., Teacher of Engineering at the High School in room of Lieut. Mackie, resigned.

Finance.—The Committee authorised the Transfer of £20 from the School Fund to the High School Fund to meet the payment of a like sum made to Lieut. Mackie on his resignation of Teacher of Engineering in the High School.

The Committee remitted the General Business Accounts of Messrs. Moffatt and Aitken, and their Account for Bristo School, to the Finance Committee.

The Committee accepted the Estimate of Messrs. Waldie and Sons for supplying Coals to the Office and Schools for a year, from 1st Sept. last; they also accepted the Estimate of Mr. Forsyth, Bristo Street, for cleaning the Windows, etc., of the Office and Schools for the same period.

Pupil-teachers.—The following Pupil-teachers were appointed, viz. :—

<i>St. Leonard's School,</i>	.	.	.	LYDIA M'VEAN.
<i>West Fountainbridge,</i>	.	.	.	CHRISTINA JESSIE WRIGHT.
<i>"</i>	.	.	.	JAMES H. DEAS.
<i>Stockbridge, "</i>	.	.	.	AGNES CUNNINGHAM.
<i>"</i>	.	.	.	MARGARET MACKIE.
<i>New Street,</i>	.	.	.	ANNIE ALLAN.
<i>"</i>	.	.	.	MARTHA WIPPER.
<i>Bristo,</i>	.	.	.	JESSIE CLARK.
<i>"</i>	.	.	.	ELIZABETH L. MORRISON.

The following resignations of Pupil-teachers were intimated and accepted, viz. :—

<i>Dean,</i>	.	.	.	GEORGE MORRISON.
<i>Bristo,</i>	.	.	.	JOHN CHALMERS.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Convener.*

The Chairman reported that the High School was opened on 1st October, the Elementary Schools on 2d September, and the Evening Classes on the 30th September.

The following Statistics of Enrolment and Attendance at the Board Schools were laid on the Table, viz. :—

High School, Enrolment at this date, ...	398
Elementary Schools, as at 27th September, Enrolment, ...	9196
Average Daily Attendance, ...	7339
Evening Classes, as at 8th October, Enrolled, ...	410

It was also reported that the Special Committee for examining children under thirteen years of age for admission to Evening Classes held two meetings. There appeared, accompanied by their parents, 72 children. Of these, 68 were passed; 2 were allowed to attend an evening class, and to be re-examined in two months; 1 was allowed to attend, owing to exceptional circumstances, and 1 who had passed Standard V. was to receive instruction at home.

It was remitted to the Evening Schools Committee to consider the propriety of opening a class for the Higher Branches.

A Report by Mr. Gowans on North Canongate School was read :—

NORTH CANONGATE SCHOOL.

The Joiner-work of this School should be finished in the course of a week; the Mason and Plumber in a week thereafter. The Plasterer has all the cement floors to lay, which has been kept back until the iron beams were fixed under the stairs; these beams have been invoiced for some time, and are daily expected.

The Architect should be written to, pressing him to have the works completed, as there has been unnecessary delay since last Report.

Offers should be taken for the painter-work.

JAMES GOWANS.

It was agreed to take estimates for the painter-work, etc., of Janitor's house at Dalry School, and of North Canongate School. The Clerk was instructed to write the Architect asking him to push on the work of North Canongate School. It was agreed to intimate to the staff of teachers appointed to the School that their services will be required on the first Monday of January 1879.

The Education (Scotland) Act 1878, the Endowed Institutions (Scotland) Act 1878, and the Factory and Workshop Act 1878, were laid on the table. It was remitted to the Law Committee and School Attendance Committee to consider the various clauses of the Education Act and the Factory and Workshop Act, which relate to the compulsory attendance of children at School, and the employment of juvenile children, and to report. It was also remitted to the Law Committee and High School Committee to consider and report, especially regarding clauses 18 and 19 of the Education Act.

Read letter from Mr. Henderson, Chief of Police, offering assistance in carrying out the Education Act regarding children selling newspapers, etc., in the street. The Clerk was instructed to offer the thanks of the Board to Mr. Henderson, and to inform him that they have the whole of this matter under consideration at present.

A Report by the Compulsory Officer (*See Appendix No. IX.*), as the result of the Enumeration by Officers during August 1878, was laid on the table; as also the Report on Children under 13 years of age at Evening Classes :—

COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT on Attendance at Evening Classes of Children under 13 years of age.

Six Evening Schools under the Board were visited by the Compulsory Officer on the 7th and 8th instant, when the Rolls of Children under 13 were examined. The result is as follows, viz. :—

Boys present,	.	.	.	.	.	30
Girls present,	.	.	.	.	.	22
Total,						52

9 CASTLE STREET,
9th October 1878.

Returns of Attendance for July and September, of which the following are abstracts, were laid on the table :—

ABSTRACT RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at 14 Board Schools; 19 Heriot Schools; and 2 Evening Classes; for Three Weeks ending 19th July 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for Three Weeks ending 19th July 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.
I.—DAY SCHOOLS.												
14 Board Schools, . . .	7580	5432	13,021	5660	3321	8981	4791	2695	7486	84.04	81.15	83.35
19 Heriot Schools, . . .	..	..	5,069	..	..	4731	..	..	4412	..	..	93
II.—EVENING CLASSES.												
1 for Boys, ...	..	..	102	..	..	50	..	..	35	..	..	70
1 for Girls, ...	..	..	67	..	..	40	..	..	33	..	..	82.5

[The Returns are printed in full as Appendix.]

ABSTRACT RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at 14 Board Schools; 8 Non-Board Schools; 9 Roman Catholic Schools; and 19 Heriot Schools; for Four Weeks ending 27th September 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for Four Weeks ending 27th Sept. 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.
I.—DAY SCHOOLS.												
14 Board Schools, . . .	5660	3536	9196	5043	3152	8195	4521	2818	7339	89.62	89.4	89.55
8 Non-Board Schools, . .	831	683	1514	746	616	1362	661	475	1136	88.6	77.11	83.4
9 Roman Catholic Schools, .	1453	984	2437	1207	704	1911	1000	560	1560	82.85	79.54	81.63
19 Heriot Schools, . . .	..	..	4939	..	..	4718	..	..	4225	..	..	93.

[The Returns are printed in full as Appendix.]

Return of Attendance at Heriot's Schools as at 20th June, not formerly reported, was also laid on the table. (See Appendix No. I.).

Letters from Dr. Cranston, accepting the appointment of Classical Master of the High School; from Mr. Robert Wilson, accepting the appointment of Architect to the Board; from Mr. George Mackay, accepting the appointment of Assistant in Causewayside School; from Miss Mackay, accepting the appointment of Sewing-Mistress in North Canongate School; and from John Grant, accepting the appointment of Janitor of North Canongate School, were laid on the table.

The Balance-sheet of the Board for the year ended 15th May 1877, with relative vouchers examined and passed in terms of Section 48 of the Education Act, were laid upon the table; also an account of the Income and Expenditure of the High School for the same period, with relative vouchers, examined and passed in terms of Section 48 of the Education Act. The Treasurer was instructed to lay them by with the Balance-sheets and Vouchers of former years in a safe place. It was remitted to the Finance Committee to examine the Balance-sheet of the Board for the year ended 15th May 1878, and the Income and Expenditure of the High School for same period, and to report to next Meeting.

Circular No. 32, from the Scotch Education Department, was laid upon the table.

Supply Form No. 2, Scotch Education Department, was laid on the table, and the Clerk was instructed to prepare suitable answers thereto, and submit them to the next meeting of the Board.

Read letter from Mr. Martin, Head-master of Dalry School, informing the Board that a grocer's license was being applied for a shop at the corner of Springwell Place, opposite to the boys' entrance to the School, and asking whether the Board would assist in preventing the license being obtained. Mr. Adamson moved and Dr. Begg seconded that a Petition be sent, signed by the Chairman, to the Magistrates, against the granting of new licenses in the neighbourhood of Dalry School. Mr. Clapperton moved and Mr. Gowans seconded, that a Petition be not sent. On a division, there voted for the motion, Mr. Adamson, Dr. Begg, Miss Blyth, Mr. Dickson, Miss Stevenson, and Mr. Williamson; for the amendment, Dr. Scott, Mr. Clapperton, Mr. Gowans, Dr. Harvey, and Bailie Tawse. There being a majority for the motion, it was agreed to send a Petition.

Miss Stevenson laid upon the table the Report on Sewing Instruction by Miss Gregory, with an abstract of the Report prepared by herself. It was agreed to print the abstract for the use of members.

A Building Grant of £1053, 5s. 7d. for North Canongate School was reported.

The Clerk laid upon the table queries sent by the Public Works Loan Commissioners, with reference to the loan of £15,800 asked for by the Board to meet the cost of erecting the Writing-room at the High School and the new School at St. Leonard's. The Clerk stated that the exact cost of the Writing-room was £1735. The Board agreed to ask a loan of £15,735, viz., £1,735 to meet the expense of erecting the Writing-room at the High School, and £14,000 for the new School at St. Leonard's, and remitted to the Chairman and Bailie Tawse to revise the answers to the queries of the Commissioners. The Clerk was instructed to transmit the queries and answers when revised.

PRIVATE.

Read letter from Dr. Donaldson, dated 26th July 1878, requesting that the Report of the examination of the High School be not published. The Board agreed not to publish the Report.

The Reports on Religious Instruction in Board Schools printed for use of members and teachers were laid on the table. It was agreed to send the Scheme of Religious Instruction, prepared by the Board several years ago, to the Examiners, Messrs. Currie and Paterson, and to ask them to send any suggestions that they may have to make upon it for the use of members.

A letter from Dr. Andrew Wilson to Mr. Dickson, regarding his salary as teacher of Physiology in the High School, was remitted to the High School Committee.

The Board agreed to increase the salary of Miss Porteous, New Street School, by £10 per annum. The increase to date from 1st September.

Dr. Harvey laid on the table an Abstract of Reports upon the various Schools by the Head-masters of the Schools and Her Majesty's Inspectors. It was agreed to print the Report and relative statistics. It was also remitted to the Chairman and Dr. Harvey, with powers to make such communications as may be necessary to the Department by letter or otherwise regarding the Inspectors' Reports, and the withholding of grants by the Department from the Schools of St. Leonard's, West Port, and West Fountainbridge.

It was remitted to the visitors of Roseburn School, together with the Chairman and Dr. Harvey, to consider whether the School ought to be kept open after the Inspection in January next, and if so, on what footing.

Statements of the Income and Expenditure of the following Schools, viz., Dean, Deanhaugh Street, Holyrood, Leith Walk, West Fountainbridge, Stockbridge, Victoria Terrace, and New Street were submitted. The statement was prepared in conformity with the resolutions of the Board in regard to payment of Higher or Specific Subjects passed on 14th November 1877 and 10th April 1878.

In Dean, Stockbridge, and New Street there was no surplus falling to be apportioned to the staff of teachers. The case of West Fountainbridge School was delayed.

The statements showed that the following sums fell to be allocated among the teachers of the following schools, viz. :—£128, 16s. among the teachers of Deanhaugh Street School ; £87, 6s. 10d. among those of Holyrood ; £49, 1s. 8d. among those of Leith Walk ; and £21, 1s. 11d. among those of Victoria Terrace School.

It was agreed to allocate these sums as follows :—

<i>Deanhaugh Street,</i>	Mr. Gloag,	.	.	.	£80	10	0
	Miss Mackenzie,	.	.	.	40	5	0
	Mr. Fraser,	.	.	.	5	7	6
	Mrs. Grant,	.	.	.	2	13	6
Total,					£128	16	0

<i>Holyrood,</i>	Mr. Anderson,	.	.	.	£53	0	0
	Mrs. Anderson,	.	.	.	26	9	11
	Mr. Hall,	.	.	.	3	10	11
	Mrs. Cooper,	.	.	.	4	6	0
Total,					£87	6	10

<i>Leith Walk,</i>	Mr. Alexander, . . .	£15 10 0
	Miss MacMillan, . . .	7 15 0
	Mr. Yule, . . .	7 15 0
	Miss Proudfoot, . . .	4 2 8
	Miss Dott, . . .	2 6 6
	Miss Mauchline, . . .	1 5 10
	Miss Foulds, . . .	3 17 6
	Miss Air, . . .	2 1 4
	Mr. Hall, . . .	2 1 4
	Miss M'Neill, . . .	2 6 6

Total,	<u>£49 1 8</u>
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<i>Victoria Terrace,</i>	Mr. Glass, . . .	£12 16 2
	Miss Crichton, . . .	6 8 1
	Mr. Sneddon, . . .	0 17 2
	Mrs. M'Intyre, . . .	1 0 6

Total,	<u>£21 1 11</u>
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ARCHD. SCOTT, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX No. I.

MONTHLY RETURN of the number of Pupils on the Roll
and in Attendance at GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL
SCHOOLS on 20th June 1878.

SCHOOLS.	No. Fixed.	On the Roll.	Average Number Attending.		No. Left.	Per cent. Absent.	Schedules in hands of Teachers.
			Week- Day.	Sunday.			
1. Heriot Bridge, . .	318	289	264	...	12	10	3
2. Cowgate Port, . .	330	323	303	...	4	6	10
3. High School Yards, .	330	330	297	...	11	8	20
4. Old Assembly Close, .	320	320	296	...	8	9	11
5. Borthwick Close, . .	320	313	291	...	15	6	...
6. Brown Square, . .	240	236	211	...	3	9	21
7. Rose Street, . . .	326	311	297	...	8	4	...
8. Broughton, . . .	250	251	224	...	9	9	10
9. Abbeyhill, . . .	320	306	281	...	9	6	...
10. Davie Street, . .	320	313	291	...	11	7	15
11. Grindlay Street, . .	290	280	273	...	4	3	4
12. Stockbridge, . . .	330	313	292	...	12	6	...
INFANT SCHOOLS—							
13. High School Yards, .	185	192	179	...	5	7	30
14. Rose Street, . . .	170	127	116	...	...	3	...
15. Broughton, . . .	160	121	112	...	3	5	...
16. Victoria Street, and Supplementary Class, }	{ 180 130	{ 183 91	{ 163 78	{	{ 2 1	{ 10 12	{ 4 ...
17. Abbeyhill, . . .	170	173	159	...	2	6	14
18. Davie Street, . .	180	181	165	...	...	8	47
19. Stockbridge, . . .	200	116	100	...	...	10	...
	5069	4769	4392	...	119	7	189

APPENDIX No. II.
RETURN OF ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS for Three Weeks ending 19th July 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 3 Weeks ending 19th July 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Bristol, ...	928	582	1510	620	284	904	517	212	729	83.38	74.64	80.64
Causewayside, ...	515	349	864	467	194	661	400	176	576	85.63	90.72	87.14
Dalry, ...	581	287	868	508	241	749	428	196	624	84.23	81.32	83.31
Dean, ...	528	194	722	252	147	399	218	127	345	86.5	86.35	86.46
Deanhaugh Street, ...	236	270	506	186	149	335	147	116	263	79.03	77.85	78.5
Holyrood, ...	230	341	571	186	209	395	150	159	309	80.64	76.07	78.22
Leith Walk, ...	900	542	1442	671	396	1067	535	315	850	79.73	79.54	79.66
New Street, ...	1056	641	1697	741	341	1082	641	263	904	86.5	77.12	83.54
Roseburn, ...	"	181	181	"	66	66	"	62	62	"	93.93	93.93
St. Leonard's, ...	745	645	1390	643	303	946	541	221	762	84.12	72.9	80.54
Stockbridge, ...	522	400	922	417	315	732	377	273	650	90.4	86.6	88.79
Victoria Terrace, ...	277	247	524	172	140	312	142	117	259	82.55	83.56	83.01
West Fountainbridge, ...	817	481	1300	610	386	996	544	337	881	89.18	87.3	88.45
West Port, ...	254	270	524	187	150	337	151	121	272	80.74	80.6	80.71
TOTAL,	7589	5432	13021	5660	3321	8981	4791	2695	7486	84.64	81.15	83.35
Corresponding period last year,	6312	4773	11035	4650	2905	7555	4028	2344	6372	85.88	80.68	83.89

APPENDIX No. III.

MONTHLY RETURN *of the number of Pupils on the Roll*
and in Attendance at GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL
 SCHOOLS *on 20th July 1878.*

SCHOOLS.	No. Fixed.	On the Roll.	Average Number Attending.		No. Left.	Per cent. Absent.	Schedules in hands of Teachers.
			Week- Day.	Sunday.			
1. Heriot Bridge, . . .	318	280	261	...	10	8	7
2. Cowgate Port, . . .	330	321	303	...	2	6	14
3. High School Yards, . .	330	319	297	..	11	8	...
4. Old Assembly Close, . .	320	316	297	...	3	7	20
5. Borthwick Close, . . .	320	309	293	...	6	5	8
6. Brown Square, . . .	240	231	210	...	7	9	26
7. Rose Street, . . .	326	318	300	...	4	5	...
8. Broughton, . . .	250	248	221	...	5	10	11
9. Abbeyhill, . . .	320	308	284	...	5	6	...
10. Davie Street, . . .	320	311	294	...	5	5	11
11. Grindlay Street, . . .	290	277	272	...	5	2	6
12. Stockbridge, . . .	330	308	298	...	6	4	1
INFANT SCHOOLS—							
13. High School Yards, . .	185	188	179	...	4	6	30
14. Rose Street, . . .	170	126	118	...	1	6	12
15. Broughton, . . .	160	126	114	...	1	6	...
16. Victoria Street, and)	{	180	182	159	...	13	8
Supplementary Class,)		130	92	80	...	13	...
17. Abbeyhill, . . .	170	173	159	...	...	7	14
18. Davie Street, . . .	180	179	165	...	3	8	48
19. Stockbridge, . . .	200	119	108	...	2	8	...
	5069	4731	4412	...	80	7	216

APPENDIX No. IV.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at* PUBLIC EVENING CLASSES
for Two Weeks ending 11th July 1878.

	Enrolled since School opened in March last.	Average No. on Roll for Two Weeks ending 11th July 1878.	Average Nightly Attendance for same period.	Percentage present for same period.
FOR YOUNG MEN.				
New Street, ...	102	50	35	70
FOR YOUNG WOMEN.				
Bristo, ...	67	40	33	82·5
TOTAL (Male and Female), . . .	169	90	68	75·5

APPENDIX No. V.
RETURN OF ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS for Four Weeks ending 27th September 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average Number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 27th Sept. 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infanta.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infanta.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infanta.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infanta.	Total.
Bristo, ...	630	372	1002	570	371	941	517	333	850	90·7	89·7	90·32
Causewayside, ...	377	260	637	337	219	556	307	198	505	91·	90·4	90·82
Dalry, ...	604	393	997	551	359	910	481	321	802	87·2	89·4	88·13
Dean, ...	191	151	342	168	133	301	150	121	271	89·2	90·9	90·03
Deanhaugh Street, ...	192	118	310	163	96	249	137	93	230	89·5	96·8	92·36
Holyrood, ...	172	193	365	137	156	293	122	140	262	89·	89·7	89·41
Leith Walk, ...	735	365	1100	646	324	970	577	289	866	89·3	89·2	89·27
New Street, ...	715	427	1142	645	386	1031	594	333	927	92·	86·2	89·91
Roseburn, ...	"	66	66	"	60	60	"	54	54	"	90·	90·
St. Leonard's, ...	565	359	924	505	309	814	448	272	720	88·7	88·	88·45
Stockbridge, ...	471	209	680	425	180	605	391	163	554	92·	90·5	91·57
Victoria Terrace, ...	159	122	281	129	101	230	110	88	198	85·2	87·1	86·08
West Fountainbridge, ...	662	375	1037	607	347	954	554	310	864	91·2	89·3	90·56
West Port, ...	187	126	313	170	111	281	133	103	236	78·2	92·7	83·98
TOTAL, ...	5660	3536	9196	5043	3152	8195	4521	2818	7339	89·62	89·4	89·55
Corresponding period last Session, ...	4761	3028	7789	4102	2610	6712	3718	2319	6037	90·63	88·85	89·94

APPENDIX No. VI.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at Nine ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS for Four Weeks ending 27th September 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 27th Sept. 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
St. Mary's District—												
St. John's, York Lane, Girls, .	152	181	333	152	181	333	119	133	252	78.3	73.4	75.67
St. Andrew's, Maryfield, Boys, .	249	...	249	231	...	231	187	...	187	80.9	...	80.9
St. Patrick's District—												
St. Mary's, Lothian Street, Girls,	215	...	215	167	...	167	141	...	141	84.43	...	84.43
St. Ann's, Niddry Street, Girls, .	...	322	322	...	224	224	...	186	186	...	83.03	83.03
St. Patrick's, Cowgate, Boys, .	284	...	284	222	...	222	183	...	204	82.2	89.2	85.71
Sacred Heart District—												
Glen Street, Lauriston, Boys, .	176	...	176	145	...	145	127	...	127	87.58	...	87.58
" " " Girls, .	138	...	138	115	...	115	99	...	99	86.08	...	86.08
" " " Infants, .	...	137	137	...	131	131	...	91	91	...	69.46	69.46
TOTAL,	1453	984	2437	1207	704	1911	1000	560	1560	82.85	79.54	81.43
Corresponding period last Session,	1112	775	1887	914	613	1527	730	447	1177	79.86	72.92	77.07

APPENDIX No. VII.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at Eight Non-Board Schools for Four Weeks ending 27th September 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 27th Sept. 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Trinity Episcopal, ...	139	245	384	110	215	325	93	150	243	84.5	69.7	74.76
Canongate Burgh, ...	130	156	286	120	150	270	105	131	236	87.5	87.3	87.4
Christian Society, ...	116	...	116	116	...	116	93	...	93	80.17	...	80.17
St. Cuthbert's Industrial, ...	79	...	79	76	...	76	72	...	72	94.73	...	94.73
Greenside, Dr. Bell's, ...	233	84	317	210	75	285	189	62	251	90	82.6	88.07
" Girls, ...	81	...	81	64	...	64	59	...	59	92.18	...	92.18
Pleasance, Territorial, ...	...	198	198	...	176	176	...	132	132	...	75	75
Royal Blind Asylum, ...	53	...	53	50	...	50	50	...	50	100	...	100
TOTAL, ...	831	683	1514	746	616	1362	661	475	1136	88.6	77.11	83.4
Corresponding period last Session } for twelve Schools, ...	1317	998	2315	1174	953	2126	1043	796	1839	88.84	83.52	86.5

APPENDIX No. VIII.

MONTHLY RETURN of the number of Pupils on the Roll
and in Attendance at GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL
SCHOOLS on 20th September 1878.

SCHOOLS.	No. Fixed.	On the Roll.	Average Number Attending.		No. Left.	Per cent. Absent.	Schedules in hands of Teachers.
			Week Day.	Sunday.			
1. Heriot Bridge, . . .	318	277	255	...	24	8	11
2. Cowgate Port, . . .	330	318	292	...	36	6	...
3. High School Yards, . .	330	320	285	...	36	8	...
4. Old Assembly Close, . .	320	313	283	...	34	6	5
5. Borthwick Close, . . .	320	300	272	...	37	5	...
6. Brown Square, . . .	240	241	206	...	29	8	...
7. Rose Street, . . .	326	324	295	...	27	5	...
8. Broughton, . . .	250	230	205	...	32	9	...
9. Abbeyhill, . . .	320	295	263	...	39	7	...
10. Davie Street, . . .	320	291	270	...	39	7	...
11. Grindlay Street, . . .	290	282	263	...	28	2	6
12. Stockbridge, . . .	330	322	292	...	12	5	1
INFANT SCHOOLS—							
13. High School Yards, . .	185	186	175	...	2	6	32
14. Rose Street, . . .	170	169	139	...	3	8	...
15. Broughton, . . .	160	155	129	...	2	8	...
16. Victoria Street, . . .	180	182	163	...	3	9	27
17. Abbeyhill, . . .	170	174	154	...	2	10	24
18. Davie Street, . . .	180	180	166	...	1	7	52
19. Stockbridge, . . .	200	150	118	...	...	11	...
	4939	4718	4225	...	386	7	159

APPENDIX NO. IX.
RESULT of ENUMERATION by OFFICERS during the Month of August 1878.

No. of District.	PARTS OF THE CITY ENUMERATED.	Number of Families Enumerated.	Number of Children Represented.	Number of each Age.		Found Present at School in September.		Absent from School.	
				Above 7 Years of Age.	Under 7 Years of Age.	Above 7 Years of Age.	Under 7 Years of Age.	Above 7 Years of Age.	Under 7 Years of Age.
1	Canongate, North and South Becks, and Dumbiedykes, . . .	1,791	8,229	2,490	789	1,961	487	529	252
2	High Street, Lawnmarket, and Cloosa, ...	984	1,780	1,380	400	1,048	275	882	125
3	Cowgate, Bristo, Potterrow, and part of Pleasance, ...	1,446	2,686	2,084	652	1,652	477	882	175
4	Grassmarket, West Port, Lauriston, and part of Fountainbridge, .	1,248	2,200	1,759	441	1,478	316	286	125
5	Fountainbridge, Dalry, and Roseburn, ...	1,864	3,674	2,761	918	2,298	659	468	254
6	Stockbridge, Canonmilla, and Broughton, ...	2,028	4,018	3,182	881	2,464	628	667	254
7	Greenside, Pilrig, London Road, and Abbey Hill, ...	1,528	2,860	2,255	605	1,780	384	475	221
8	St. Leonard's, Causewayside, and part of Pleasance, ...	1,914	3,574	2,858	721	2,849	442	504	279
		12,788	24,016	18,664	5,852	15,020	3,688	3,643	1,685
						18,688		5,828	

NOTE.—The visiting of the Schools commenced ten days after they were opened. A much larger number of Children are now upon the Rolls of the Schools.

14th October 1878.

D. MILLER, Officer.

MINUTE OF MEETING
OF
EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD
HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 13th NOVEMBER 1878.

AT a Meeting of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD, held in the
Offices of the BOARD, No. 9 South Castle Street, *on*
Wednesday, the 13th day of November 1878, at Three
o'clock P.M. :

Present,—

Rev. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., *Chairman.*

Rev. WM. ADAMSON.	J. DICK PEDDIE, Esq.
Rev. JAMES BEGG, D.D.	Rev. WM. SMITH, D.D.
JOHN CLAPPERTON, Esq.	J. GUTHRIE SMITH, Esq.
DAVID DICKSON, Esq.	JOHN TAWSE, Esq.
JAMES GOWANS, Esq.	Rev. ALEX. WILLIAMSON.
THOMAS HARVEY, Esq., LL.D.	Miss PHOEBE BLYTH.
Miss. FLORA C. STEVENSON.	

The Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting were held as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The Minute of the Special Meeting of the Board, held in the Police Court Room, on Saturday, the 9th November, was approved.

Miss Stevenson read the Report of the Committee on School Attendance as follows :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The Committee authorised a Meeting of the Board to be held in the Police Court-Room on Saturday, the 9th inst., at two o'clock, to consider the cases of Defaulting Parents, submitted by the Compulsory Officer, and revised by the Convener.

The Committee have to report that the Convener and Mr. Guthrie Smith had an interview with the Compulsory Officer and his Staff on the evening of the 22d ult., and instructed them regarding the additional duties devolving upon them under the provisions of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1878, regarding the employment of children under 14 years of age.

Mr. Miller was instructed to prepare, as soon as possible, a complete list of all children found in casual employment (1) under 9 years of age, and (2) between 9 and 14 years of age.

The Committee recommend that an additional Assistant be put upon the Compulsory Officer's Staff, whose special duty will be, from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M., to look out for and report upon children under 9 years of age found on the streets casually employed within the meaning of sec-

tion 6 of the new Act. They also recommend the Board to appoint Mr. Thomas Richardson, formerly Assistant to the Compulsory Officer, to this duty, at a Salary commencing at 27s. per week, and rising like the Salaries of the other Assistants to the Compulsory Officer.

The Committee agreed to recommend the Board to employ the present male Assistants to the Compulsory Officer, two each week in turn, for two hours per night after seven o'clock, to look out for and report upon children between 9 and 14 years of age, who may be found in casual employment within the meaning of section 6 of the new Act, and without a Certificate of ability to read and write, and of a knowledge of elementary Arithmetic.

The Committee agreed to recommend the Board to adhere to its former resolution to close Holyrood School on the opening of North Canongate School.

FLORA C. STEVENSON, *Convener*.

Miss Stevenson moved, and Dr. Harvey seconded, that the Report be approved of. Dr. Begg moved, and Mr. Dickson seconded, that the Report be approved, with the exception of the last clause which recommends that Holyrood School should be closed. Mr. Adamson moved, and Mr. Dick Peddie seconded, that the question of closing Holyrood School be delayed till next meeting of the Board.

The Amendment of Mr. Adamson was put against the Amendment of Dr. Begg. For Dr. Begg's Amendment there voted Dr. Begg and Mr. Dickson. For Mr. Adamson's Amendment there voted Dr. Scott, Mr. Adamson, Miss Blyth, Mr. Clapperton, Mr. Dick Peddie, Sheriff Smith, Miss Stevenson, Mr. Williamson, Dr. Smith. Thereafter Mr. Adamson's Amendment was put against Miss Stevenson's Motion, when there voted for the Motion, Dr. Scott, Mr. Gowans, Dr. Harvey, Sheriff Smith, Miss Stevenson, Bailie Tawse, Dr. Smith; and for the Amendment, Mr. Adamson, Dr. Begg, Miss Blyth, Mr. Clapperton, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Dick Peddie, Mr. Williamson. There being an equal number of votes for the Motion and the Amendment, the Chairman gave his casting vote for the Motion, which was accordingly declared carried. Dr. Begg and Mr. Dickson dissented from the finding of the Board.

Miss Stevenson verbally reported that a Committee had been formed of some of the Members of the Board and others, with the view to raise funds in order to undertake the work of feeding and clothing neglected and destitute children, formerly carried on by the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor. The Association had agreed to give the benefit of their organisation in investigating the cases.

The Chairman read the Report of the High School Committee:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGH SCHOOL.

The Committee had before them a letter from Dr. Donaldson, stating that one of the French Classes, taught by the French Master, numbered 80 pupils, and suggesting that an Assistant be appointed to teach one of the divisions of this Class, and also to relieve the French Master of one of his other teaching hours.

The Committee agreed to recommend the Board to appoint, in terms of the suggestions in Dr. Donaldson's letter, a competent person, during their pleasure, to teach under the French Master, and to pay him for the duty, out of the Fee Fund of the High School, at the rate of £50 per annum.

ARCHD. SCOTT, *Convener*.

The Report was approved. It was agreed to appoint Mr. Richard Keys to teach under the French Master, in terms of the Report, and to pay him a salary at the rate of £50 per annum. The Clerk was instructed to intimate to Mr. Keys that he was expected to enter on duty on Monday, the 18th inst., and that the engagement between him and the Board is terminable by either party giving a month's notice to the other.

Mr. Adamson read the Report of the Committee on Evening Schools:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVENING SCHOOLS.

The Committee appointed Mr. David Officer to teach the Evening Class in St. Leonard's School, in room of Mr. Hartley, resigned, and remitted to the Convener to supply the place vacated by Mr. Officer in West Fountainbridge.

The Committee recommend, by a majority, that the fixed Salaries of the Teachers of the Evening Classes remain as at present, viz., £20 for the Session to the Male Teachers, and £18 for the Session to the Female Teachers, but that 2s. 6d. for each Pupil presented at the annual Examination be paid to the Head-Teacher of each Class at the close of the Session. The Salaries of the Assistants to remain as at present.

The Committee agreed to recommend that no steps be taken in the meantime to open an Evening Class for the higher branches.

WM. ADAMSON, *Convener*.

The Report was approved.

Baillie Tawse read the Report of the Finance Committee:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee instructed the Convener to go over the balance-sheet of the Board for the year ended 15th May 1878, as also the Statement of the Income and Expenditure of the High School for the same period, and to report to the Board.

The Committee had before them a Statement of Account, printed herewith (See Appendix No. I.), between the Board and the Rector and Masters of the High School, for Session 1877-78, as at 10th October 1878. From the Statement it appeared that the Balance in favour of the Endowment Fund had increased during the year from £24, 18s. 7d. to £34, 12s. 8d., and that there was a balance upon the Fee Fund, to be divided among the Rector and Masters, of £1109, 9s. 4d., of which £600 was allocated on 25th July last. The Committee recommend that the balance of the Endowment Fund be carried to the Account for Session 1878-79; and they instructed the Treasurer to allocate the balance of the Fee Fund, amounting to £509, 9s. 4d., among the Rector and Masters of the School, in terms of Report of the Committee on High School Financial and other arrangements, dated 5th June 1873, and in terms of the arrangements made on the appointment of the additional Teachers at the beginning of Session 1876-77.

The Committee recommend the Board to purchase from Mr. Handy-side, the superior, annual Feu-duties amounting to £3, over the site of Bristo School, for the sum of £69.

The Committee instructed the Treasurer to pay Messrs. Moffat and Aitken, Architects, a business account amounting to £61, 19s., for professional services rendered in surveying and measuring sites for new Schools, and reporting upon Schools offered for transfer during the year 1873.

The Committee accepted an estimate for a table and carpet for Waiting-room, and floor-cloth for Clerks' room in Office, amounting to £7, 11s. 6d.

The Treasurer was authorised to pay an account amounting to £29, 18s. 4d. to the Falkirk Iron Company for furnishing Grates, etc., to Dalry School—the estimate previously laid before the Board being only for a portion of these accounts.

The Committee passed various Accounts, and authorised them to be paid.

JOHN TAWSE, *Convener*.

The Report was approved.

Dr. Harvey read the Report of the Committee on School Work :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL WORK.

The Committee recommend that a Certificated Male Assistant be appointed to St. Leonard's School in room of Mr. Thomas Ross, who has resigned, with a Salary at the rate of £80 per annum ; also that a Male Assistant with the same Salary be appointed in Leith Walk School in consequence of the increased attendance at that school. The Committee, being of opinion that Students finishing their course at the Normal Schools should be appointed to these vacancies, requested the Rectors of the two Normal Schools in the City to name the three best available of the outgoing Students in their respective institutions, and having had an interview with the gentlemen named, recommend the Board to appoint Mr. Alfred Aiton Assistant in Leith Walk School, and Mr. John Davidson Assistant in St. Leonard's School, both to enter on duty on 6th January 1879.

The following Pupil Teachers were appointed :—To West Fountain-bridge—Jane Porteous, Mary A. P. Kerr. To Dalry—Agnes Paterson, Grace Stevenson, Jane Robertson. To New Street—Williamina Forrester. To Causewayside—Jessie Macdonald, Agnes I. Bone, and Andrew Dick—the appointments to the last School being made on the condition that the Candidates pass successfully the Examination suitable to their ages, viz. :—Jessie Macdonald and Agnes I. Bone the end of the Second Year, and Andrew Dick the beginning of the First Year, Scotch Code 1878.

The Committee recommend that an Examination be held by the Board, of those who apply for Pupil Teacherships, once in every three months, and that those only be eligible as Candidates for vacancies who pass the examination satisfactorily ; that appointments be made by the School Work Committee ; and that it be remitted to the Committee to make the necessary arrangements for the conduct of the examinations.

A Report prepared by the Convener upon the Reports of the Head-

masters and of Her Majesty's Inspectors on the various Schools was laid before the Committee (See Appendix No. II.)

It was agreed to transmit the Report to the Board, and it was remitted to the Convener and Clerk to prepare replies to be sent to the Scotch Education Department regarding the Reports of Her Majesty's Inspectors on the following Schools, viz., West Fountainbridge, Dean, Deanhaugh Street, Stockbridge, and Leith Walk Schools.

The Committee recommend that James Archibald, Pupil Teacher in Stockbridge School, be transferred to North Canongate School.

It was remitted to the Convener, Dr. Scott, and Dr. Begg to revise the Scheme of Religious Instruction formerly prepared by the Board (See Appendix No. III.)

The Committee had before them an Abstract of the Report by the Inspector of needle-work. It was agreed to transmit the abstract to the Board (See Appendix No. IV.)

THOMAS HARVEY, *Convener*.

The consideration of the recommendation regarding the Examination of Candidates for Pupil-teacherships, and the appointments of Pupil-teachers, was delayed till next meeting. It was agreed to consider the Convener's Report upon the reports of Head-masters and Her Majesty's Inspectors in private. Otherwise the Report was approved; Sheriff Smith and Mr. Adamson dissenting from the portion of the scheme of Religious Instruction sanctioning the Catechism. It was remitted to Miss Blyth and Miss Stevenson to arrange for carrying out the recommendations of the Inspector of Needle-work.

Mr. Gowans read the Report of the Committee on Building:—

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The Committee instructed Mr. Wilson to attend to some small repairs requiring to be done at several of the Schools, including repairs to the roof of the playsheds at Leith Walk School.

The Committee recommend that estimates be taken for executing the repairs to the plaster-work of Leith Walk School.

The Committee agreed to supply 25 of Lickely's Dual Desks and 5 Blackboards to Leith Walk School.

The Committee agreed to provide 128 Laurie's Dual Desks, at £1, 2s. 6d. per desk, for the Juvenile Department of North Canongate School, instead of the 7-foot desks previously agreed upon.

The Committee accepted the following estimates, viz.:—

Dalry School: Window Blinds, Messrs. W. R. Clapperton and Co., £30, 3s.; Painter work of janitor's house, Mr. J. H. Potts, £10, 2s. 8d. *North Canongate School*: Grates, Fire-irons, etc., for Teachers' and janitor's rooms and class-rooms, Messrs. J. Gray and Son, £30, 6s. 9d.; Painter work, Mr. Wm. Forsyth, £157. Estimates from Mr. Thomas Stevenson for seating North Canongate School, £68, 1s. 10d., and for seating the sewing-room of the same School, £22, 10s., were accepted.

The Committee recommend the Board to accept the following estimates for the new School at St. Leonard's:—

<i>For Mason Work, A. Angus,</i>	.	.	.	£4495	0	0
<i>„ Joiner Work, David Greig,</i>	.	.	.	1878	0	0
<i>„ Slater Work, Thos. Lamb,</i>	.	.	.	301	9	0
<i>„ Plaster and Concrete Work, James Annan,</i>	.	.	.	672	0	0
<i>„ Plumber Work, Wm. Howie,</i>	.	.	.	407	0	0
<i>„ Iron Work, James Forrest,</i>	.	.	.	178	17	0
				£7932	6	0

JAMES GOWANS, *Convener.*

The Report was approved, and it was remitted to the Committee to make the necessary arrangements for at once commencing the building of St. Leonard's School.

Sheriff Smith read the Report of the Joint-Committees on Law and School Attendance :—

REPORT OF JOINT-COMMITTEE ON LAW AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The Committee, having had under consideration the sections of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1878, relating to the employment of children, and clause 70 of the principal Act relating to the prosecution of Defaulting Parents, agreed to recommend to the Board that the provisions of the Act regarding the employment of children be enforced after the 1st day of November 1878, and that the Officers of the Board be instructed to call upon parents to inform them that they will be liable for prosecution in the event of any of their children being found contravening these provisions after that date. The Committee authorised Notices to be prepared, advertised in the papers, and left in schools and at parents' homes.

It was agreed to recommend that the Board grant exemption from the provisions of the Act to such children as they considered, after examination and inquiry into their circumstances, expedient; and that the Sub-committee, who at present grant permission to children under 13 years of age to attend Evening Classes, be authorised to grant Certificates of exemption.

It was agreed to recommend to the Board to report to Mr. Henderson, Superintendent of Police, the date on which the provisions of the Act were to be enforced, and the names of such children as the Board may grant exemption to; and to request him to be good enough to send to the Board the names of such children as the police may find contravening the provisions of the Act.

It was agreed to recommend that the Compulsory Officer and some of his staff be employed for certain hours in the evening after seven o'clock, to see that the provisions of the Act are complied with.

It was remitted to Sheriff Guthrie Smith to revise the Forms at present in use for prosecuting parents under clause 70 of the principal Act, in order to adapt them to clause 28 of the Act of 1878, and to prepare such additional Forms as may be required for dealing with parents and employers under that Act.

J. GUTHRIE SMITH, *Convener.*

The Report was approved.

Sheriff Smith read the Report of the Joint-Committees on Law and High School :—

REPORT OF JOINT-COMMITTEE ON LAW AND HIGH SCHOOL.

The Committee authorised the Clerk to take the necessary steps in order to recover the following arrears of High School Fees, viz. :—
£12, 12s. 6d. from Mr. John Greig, and £8, 15s. from Mrs. Ramsay.

The Committee had under their consideration the meaning and effect of Clause 18 of the new Act empowering a Board which has a higher class Public School under its management to “maintain the buildings thereof out of the School Fund, in the same manner in which it is bound to maintain the buildings of any other School under its management.” In the case of a common School the charges and expenses authorised to be taken from the School Fund are indicated in Section 37 of the principal Act. They are such as may be from time to time incurred in “the erection of, and improving, enlarging, and furnishing any School ;” and as the new Act directs us to maintain a higher School in the same manner, we infer that the charges intended to be covered by the enactment include the following :—

1. Repairs to Buildings.
2. Rates, Taxes, and Insurance.
3. Feu-duty (being annual cost of Site).
4. Lighting and Heating.
5. Furniture and Cleaning, including Teaching Apparatus, Books, etc.

The section also empowers us, with the consent of the Education Department, to pay such or other expenses as are not provided for by the revenues stated in Section 62 of the principal Act. This is practically a repeal of the latter clause of Section 64 of the said Act, declaring that no part of the expenses of any such School shall be payable from the School Fund, except the expense of the annual examination and the cost of providing or enlarging the School. The meaning seems to be that, when from any cause the ordinary revenues of the School are not enough for its efficient maintenance, the Board, with the consent of the Scotch Education Department, have the power, if they see fit, to make such other payments out of the School Fund as they may consider necessary for the promotion of efficient education. If the above construction of the first clause of the Section relative to Maintenance commend itself to the Board, the only charges which will require to be provided for in the case of the High School, under the second clause, are the expenses connected with advertising and prizes—the salaries of the present staff of teachers being sufficiently met by the funds of the School.

J. GUTHRIE SMITH, *Convener*.

The consideration of this Report was delayed till next Meeting.

Miss Stevenson read the Report of the Examination of Children under 13 years of age for Evening Classes :—

RETURN of CHILDREN Examined and passed for EVENING SCHOOLS.

Between 27th September and 6th November 1878 the Special Committee held four Meetings, in New Street School, on Children under 13 years of age who wished to be passed for Evening Classes.

130 were presented.

There were passed,	. . .	121
„ refused,	. . .	9
		130

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
12th Nov. 1878.

Mr. Gowans read the following Report on Schools in Course of Erection :—

REPORT ON SCHOOLS IN COURSE OF ERECTION.

North Canongate School.—The whole of the works, with the exception of the painting, are nearly completed, and will be completed within the next fortnight. The painting should be done by the middle of next month, and certainly in time for the opening of the School after the New Year holidays.

The Board should consider whether the playground should not be laid with asphalt or cement instead of gravel, as, owing to the confined nature of the site and the number of windows opening into the playground, there would be danger of damage.

It will be necessary to make arrangements for the supply of apparatus and the furnishing of the Teachers' rooms for this School.

The Board should employ a person to keep fires on in the rooms so as to season the building before being occupied.

Dalry School, Janitor's House.—The painters' work will be finished in a few days. The Janitor should be instructed to keep fires on until the house is thoroughly dried.

It was remitted to the Building Committee with powers to make arrangements for the supply of apparatus and furniture for the Teachers' rooms at North Canongate School, and for keeping fires on in the various rooms. It was also remitted to the Committee to take estimates for asphaltting and for cementing the playgrounds of this School.

The following report of the Compulsory Officer was laid on the table :—

COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT for the FOUR WEEKS ending November 2, 1878.

Abstract of Statistics for the Eight Districts.

Total number of Children visited during the Four Weeks ending November 2, ...	5027
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Of the above number there are :—

Dead, ...	2	
Above age, ...	86	
Incurable, ...	9	
Left the City, ...	155	
Removed to other parts of the City	94	
Gone to School, ...	3355	
Absent through Temporary Causes, ...	1326	5027

Of the number Absent through Temporary Causes, there are :—

Refractory, ...	21	
Sick, ...	480	
Wanting Clothing, ...	33	
Unable to pay Fees, ...	13	
Considered too young, ...	129	
Absent from want of Accommodation, ...	133	
Absent through various causes, but under promise to send soon, ...	{ Fault of Parents, 480 } { Fault of Children, 37 }	
	517	1326

N.B.—Of the 1326 Absent, 667 are returned over seven years of age, and 659 under seven.

Of the 480 returned Sick, 43 are Fever cases, 31 Hooping-Cough, and 3 Measles: these include Children prevented from attending School, owing to some member of the family having Fever, Hooping-Cough, or Measles.

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
EDINBURGH, November 6, 1878.

COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT on Evening School Attendance of Children under 13 years of age.

Eight Evening Schools under the Board were visited regularly each week between the 7th October and 6th November 1878, when the Rolls were examined. The result is as follows :—

Boys regular, ...	53	
„ irregular, ...	4	
„ above 13 years of age, ...	...	
„ sick, ...	1	
„ left town, ...	...	
„ gone to Day-school, ...	...	
	—	58
Girls regular, ...	37	
„ irregular, ...	1	
„ above 13 years of age, ...	...	
„ gone to Day-school, ...	...	
	—	38
Total, ...		96

Ten Non-Board Evening Schools were visited same as above. The result is as follows :—

Boys regular, ...	25	
„ irregular, ...	1	
„ gone to Day-school, ...	...	
„ above 13 years of age, ...	...	
	—	26
Girls regular, ...	8	
„ irregular, ...	...	
„ above 13 years of age, ...	...	
„ sick, ...	...	
„ gone to Day school, ...	...	
	—	8
Total, ...	34	

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
6th November 1878.

The Return of Attendance for the month, of which the following is an Abstract, was laid upon the table :—

ABSTRACT RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at 14 Board Schools; 9 Roman Catholic Schools; 9 Non-Board Schools; 19 Heriot Schools; 8 Board Evening Schools; and 15 Heriot Evening Schools, for Five Weeks ending 1st November 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for Five Weeks ending 1st Nov. 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
I.—DAY SCHOOLS.												
14 Board Schools, ...	6389	8887	10,276	5738	8611	9844	5087	8054	8091	87.85	84.57	86.29
9 Roman Catholic Schools, ...	1532	1283	2,765	1209	737	1946	1009	598	1607	83.45	81.13	82.87
9 Non-Board Schools, ...	1342	826	2,168	1255	754	2009	1052	553	1605	88.82	73.84	79.89
19 Heriot Schools, ...	..	..	4,939	..	..	4609	..	..	4374	..	..	93.
II.—EVENING CLASSES.												
BOARD SCHOOLS.												
6 for Young Men, ...	..	..	482	..	..	370	..	..	295	..	..	79.72
2 for Young Women, ...	..	..	91	..	..	66	..	..	57	..	..	86.36
15 Heriot Schools, ...	..	..	1,105	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

[The Returns are printed in full as Appendix.]

Bailie Tawse having reported that he had gone over the Balance Sheet of the Board for the year ended 15th May 1878, and the statement of Income and Expenditure of the High School for the same period, and found them correct, the Chairman signed these documents in duplicate in name of the Board, and the Clerk was instructed to transmit them to the Accountant of the Scotch Education Department.

The Chairman reported that the visitors of Roseburn School, Dr. Harvey and himself, had considered the question of the School-supply in the Roseburn district, and agreed to recommend that, in the meantime, the Mistress of Roseburn School be instructed to admit children of the first three Standards into the School. The recommendation was adopted, and the Clerk was instructed to make the necessary intimation to the Mistress of the School.

The Clerk laid upon the table Supply Form No. 2 from the Scotch Education Department. The Clerk was instructed to transmit the Form to the Department.

PRIVATE.

The Report of the Convener of the School Work Committee was taken up. The Report was approved. It was intimated that the Department had agreed to give the grants in full for the Schools of St. Leonard's and West Port. The remit to the Chairman and Dr. Harvey to make such communications to the Department, by letter or otherwise, as might be required, regarding the Reports by H. M. Inspectors, was continued.

The Clerk laid upon the table letter from Messrs. Lindsay, Paterson, and Company offering to sell a piece of ground situated at the junction of Cambridge Street and Brunswick Place, Lothian Road, and also valuation by Mr. W. Watherston of the same. The ground was reported as suitable for a site for West Port School. It was agreed to take no further steps for acquiring this ground.

Read also letter from Mr. White Millar stating that the proprietor of 84 West Port is willing to sell her property at a valuation. It was agreed to authorise Mr. White Millar to offer to purchase the property at a valuation, provided Mr. Wilson, architect, reports that the property and the adjacent property at the disposal of the Improvement Trust are of sufficient area for a School site.

Read letter from Miss Thallon, assistant in St. Leonard's School, asking for an increase of salary. It was agreed to raise the salary of Miss Thallon by £10 per annum. The increase to date from the commencement of the current quarter.

It was remitted to the visitors of Stockbridge School to inquire as to the absence from duty of the Sewing Mistress.

Statements of Income and Expenditure of St. Leonard's and West Port Schools, prepared in terms of the resolution of the Board regarding the payment for Higher or Specific Subjects passed on 14th November 1877 and 10th April 1878, were submitted.

The statements showed that the following sums fell to be allocated among the teachers viz. :—£66, 13s. 10d. among the teachers of West Port School; and £74, 9s. 8d. among the teachers of St. Leonard's School.

It was agreed to allocate these sums as follows:—

<i>St. Leonard's</i>	Mr. Philip (two months, July and August), . . .	£4 8 4
	Mr. Andrew, . . .	22 1 9
	Miss Cameron, . . .	13 5 1
	Mr. M'Caull, . . .	8 16 8
	Miss Gilchrist, . . .	6 3 8
	Miss Thallon, . . .	5 6 1
	Mr. Ross, . . .	4 4 10
	Miss Prentice, . . .	3 1 10
	Mr. Fraser, Singing, . .	1 15 4
	Miss Kello, Sewing, . .	5 6 1
		£74 9 8
<i>West Port,</i>	Mr. Robertson, . . .	£41 13 8
	Miss Robertson, . . .	22 4 7
	Mr. D. Fraser, Singing, .	2 15 7
	Total,	£66 13 10

ARCHD. SCOTT,
Chairman.

APPENDIX No. I.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT *between the* EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD
and the RECTOR *and* MASTERS *of the* ROYAL HIGH SCHOOL, *for*
Session 1877-78, as at 10th October 1878.

I. Fee Fund—

Prescribed Course, Extra and Special Classes, and Vocal Music—

Balance in favour of the Fund, as per Statement for Session
 1876-77, ... £364 18 4

Allocated and paid to Rector and Masters on 18th October 1877—

Dr. Donaldson, ...	£74 4 7	
Mr. Macdonald, ...	44 10 8	
Mr. Jeffrey, ...	44 10 8	
Dr. Ross, ...	44 10 8	
Mr. Munn, ...	44 10 9	
Mr. Ravensberg, ...	19 1 10	
Mr. Norrie, ...	26 10 3	
Mr. Schneider, ...	25 9 0	
Mr. MacLagan, ...	3 14 6	
Mr. Gibson, ...	2 19 7	
Mr. Black, ...	2 19 7	
Mr. Arnot, ...	31 16 3	
		<u>364 18 4</u>

Amount of Fees received on account of Session
 1877-78 up to 10th October 1878, viz. :—

On Account of Arrears—

Composition on Fees due by David S. Lawrie
 and John J. T. Lawrie of the III. Class, . . . £2 11 4

On Account of Prescribed Course and

Extra and Special Classes, . £4876 9 6

Add Fee transferred from Session
 1876-77, as per last Statement, . . . 3 10 0

£4879 19 6

Less Fees repaid, viz. :—

Stephen Russell, I. Class, 2d

Quarter, . . . £2 15 0

J. Russell Anderson, I.

Class, 4th Quarter, . . 2 15 0

Francis F. Galloway, IV.

Class, 4th Quarter, . . 3 10 0

David T. Legat, half of

Fee for Special Class,

4th Quarter, . . . 0 10 6

9 10 6

4870 9 0

On Account of Vocal Music Class, . £97 17 6

Less repaid Stephen Russell, I. Class,

2d Quarter, ... 0 2 6

97 15 0

£4970 15 4

Deduct Expenses incurred in recovering Arrears, . . . 1 6 0

£4969 9 4

Carry forward, £4969 9 4

	Brought forward,	£4969 9 4
Arrears outstanding at 10th October 1878, viz. :—		
Amount as per last Statement,	£21 15 0	
Whereof received or written off as irrecoverable—		
Edward Chalmers,	£2 15 0	
E. E. Henry,	2 10 0	
Daniel Macdonald,	3 0 0	
David S. Lawrie and John J.		
T. Lawrie, Composition received,	£2 11 4	
Do. do. Balance written off as irrecoverable,	10 18 8	
	<u>13 10 0</u>	
		<u>21 15 0</u>
Salaries paid to Rector and Masters on account of Session 1877-78—		
Dr. Donaldson,	£460 0 0	
Mr. Macdonald,	380 0 0	
Mr. Jeffrey,	380 0 0	
Mr. MacLagan,	250 0 0	
Dr. Ross,	400 0 0	
Mr. Norrie,	250 0 0	
Mr. Gibson,	200 0 0	
Mr. Munn,	400 0 0	
Mr. Black,	200 0 0	
Mr. Arnot,	300 0 0	
Mr. Ravensberg,	180 0 0	
Mr. Schneider,	300 0 0	
Mr. Ferguson,	40 0 0	
Mr. Sneddon,	60 0 0	
Mr. Lees,	50 0 0	
Mr. Sadler,	50 0 0	
Dr. Andrew Wilson,	40 0 0	
	<u>£3940 0 0</u>	
Less sum overpaid to Messrs Ferguson, Lees, and Sadler, on account of Salary for Session 1876-77, now repaid by them,	80 0 0	
		<u>3860 0 0</u>
Surplus Fee Fund of Session 1877-78,		
Whereof paid to Rector and Masters on 24th July 1878—	£1109 9 4	
Dr. Donaldson,	£119 17 8	
Mr. Macdonald,	71 18 7	
Mr. Jeffrey,	71 18 7	
Dr. Ross,	71 18 7	
Mr. Munn,	71 18 7	
Mr. Arnot,	51 7 6	
Mr. Ravensberg,	30 16 6	
Mr. Norrie,	42 16 3	
Mr. Schneider,	51 7 6	
Mr. MacLagan,	6 3 1	
Mr. Gibson,	4 18 7	
Mr. Black,	4 18 7	
	<u>600 0 0</u>	
Balance of Surplus Fee Fund at 10th October 1878,	£509 9 4	
Carry forward,	£509 9 4	

	Brought forward,	£509 9 4
To be allocated to Rector and Masters as follows, viz. :—		
Dr. Donaldson, ...	£96 4 7	
Mr. Macdonald, ...	57 14 9	
Mr. Jeffrey, ...	57 14 9	
Dr. Ross, ...	57 14 9	
Mr. Munn, ...	57 14 9	
Mr. Arnot, ...	41 4 11	
Mr. Ravensberg, ...	24 14 11	
Mr. Norrie, ...	34 7 4	
Mr. Schneider, ...	41 4 11	
Mr. MacLagan, ...	15 13 0	
Mr. Gibson, ...	12 10 4	
Mr. Black, ...	12 10 4	
		<u>509 9 4</u>

II. Endowment Fund—

1. INCOME—

Balance in favour of the Fund as per Statement for Session 1876-77, ...	£24 18 7	
Amount received from the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City of Edinburgh, including £5, 1s. 10d. interest on Benjamin Mackay's Bequest for Prizes for year 1877-78, ...	827 12 5	
Amount of Matriculation Fees received on account of Session 1877-78, ...	106 15 0	
Arrears of Matriculation Fees outstanding at 10th October 1878—		
Amount as per last Statement, ...	£0 10 0	
Written off as irrecoverable, ...	0 10 0	
		<u>£0 10 0</u>
Session 1877-78—		
A. K. Ramsay, I. Class, ...	£0 5 0	
J. A. Greig, II. Class, ...	0 5 0	
		<u>£0 10 0</u>
Interest on Bank Account for two years, ...	5 7 11	
		<u>£964 13 11</u>

Balance against the Fund, being three-sixths of £308, 7s. 11d., brought from Statement for Session 1876-77, ... £154 4 0

Deduct one-sixth of the original Sum, £308, 7s. 11d., to be charged in the Expenditure of this Session, ... 51 8 0

Balance against the Fund carried to Account for Session 1878-79, £102 16 0

2. EXPENDITURE—

One-sixth of £308, 7s. 11d., as above, ...	£51 8 0	
Salaries paid to Rector and Masters :—		
Dr. Donaldson, ...	£240 0 0	
Mr. Macdonald, ...	40 0 0	
		<u>£280 0 0</u>
Carry forward, ...	£51 8 0	<u>£964 13 11</u>

Brought forward,	£280	0	0	£51	8	0	£964	13	11
Mr. Jeffrey,	.	.	40	0	0				
Dr. Ross,	.	.	20	0	0				
Mr. Munn,	.	.	20	0	0				
						360	0	0	
Salary of Janitor, including Uniform,	.	.				80	18	6	
Printing, Postages, and Advertising,	.	.				64	13	5	
Books, Apparatus, and Stationery,	.	.				62	4	5	
Rates, Taxes, and Insurance,	.	.				50	6	3	
Purchase of, and Repairs to, Furniture, and Cleaning,	.	.				41	16	9	
Cleaners' Wages,	.	.				60	18	0	
Fuel and Light,	.	.				40	11	5	
Repairs to Buildings,	.	.				38	18	3	
Prizes,	.	.				74	16	9	
Legal Expenses,	.	.				3	4	3	
Travelling Expenses of Candidates,	.	.				0	5	3	
									930 1 3
Balance in favour of the Endowment Fund, carried to Account for Session 1878-79,	.	.	.	.	.				£34 12 8
III. Drawing Class—									
Amount of Fees received for Session 1877-78,	.	.	.	.	.	£117	6	0	
Less Fee repaid to Francis F. Galloway, IV. Class,	.	.	.	.	.	0	10	6	
									£116 15 6
Paid to Mr. Ferguson,	.	.	.	.	.	116	15	6	
IV. Fencing and Gymnastic Class—									
Amount received for Session 1877-78,	.	.	.	.	.	£18	7	6	
Paid to Captain Roland,	.	.	.	.	.	18	7	6	
V. Military Drill Class—									
Amount received on account of Session 1877-78,	.	.	.	.	.	£46	12	6	
Paid to Captain Roland,	.	.	.	.	.	46	12	6	
Arrears outstanding at 10th October 1878—									
Arrear as per last Statement,	.	.				£0	2	6	
Written off as irrecoverable,	.	.				0	2	6	
Session 1877-78—									
A. K. Ramsay, I. Class,	.	.	.	.	.	£0	2	6	
J. A. Greig, II. Class,	.	.	.	.	.	0	2	6	
						£0	5	0	
VI. Engineering Class—									
Amount received for Session 1877-78,	.	.	.	.	.	£4	4	0	
Paid to Mr. Mackie,	.	.	.	.	.	4	4	0	
VII. Shorthand Class—									
Amount received for Session 1877-78,	.	.	.	.	.	£12	1	6	
Paid to Mr. Thomson,	.	.	.	.	.	12	1	6	

APPENDIX No. II.

*SUMMARY of REPORTS on the Board
Schools for Session 1877-78.*

(1.) By the various Head-masters.

(2.) By Her Majesty's Inspectors.

I.—Bristo School.

(1.) The Head-master gives a favourable account of the condition of the School and of the teachers. In regard to the latter, he suggests that the staff should be increased by one assistant, to supply the place of any one of the teachers who may be absent from indisposition or other necessary cause.

(2.) The Inspector's report in December 1877 followed so soon after the opening of the School as to be of no particular value for the guidance of the Board. In a summary, however, furnished by Mr. Blaikie, he states that "the School has been organised with great care, but that it is too soon to judge of the results."

The grant earned per scholar is 10s. 8½d.

II.—Causewayside School.

(1.) The Head-master's report is short and satisfactory.

(2.) The Inspector's report is very favourable. This is one of the few schools that receive the full grant for organisation and discipline. In the specific subjects 6 passed in Latin and 9 in Domestic Economy.

The grant earned per scholar is 17s. 1d.

III.—Dalry School.

(1.) The Head-master gives a satisfactory account of the working of the School and of the staff. But of the buildings and internal and external arrangements he gives an unfavourable description. The windows are badly constructed, the arrangements for opening and shutting the ventilating parts of the windows are dangerous and unsafe. Throughout, the ventilation is defective, and that in the ceilings is of no appreciable use. The boiler has been constructed on a wrong principle. The fastenings of the doors are defective; and the

drainage is such that the grating at the drinking fountain in the boys' playground emits an offensive smell in warm weather.

(2.) This School has been open only for five months, and has not yet been inspected.

IV.—Dean School.

(1.) The Head-master's report is, on the whole, satisfactory. He thinks that five more writing-desks are required for the efficient working of the School to accommodate ten children. He recommends that the staff should be increased by one assistant or pupil-teacher. He complains seriously of two of his pupil-teachers, John Stenhouse and G. Morison.

(2.) The Inspector reports 39 passes in specific subjects, viz., in Literature 17, Physical Geography 9, Domestic Economy 13. He complains that the compulsory specific subjects have damaged the Fourth Standard. At the same time he praises the Fifth and Sixth Standards for efficiency both in regular and specific subjects. As in these Standards alone the specific subjects are compulsory, the Inspector must either have been ignorant of this fact, and under the impression that they are compulsory also in the Fourth Standard; or he is of opinion that the specific subjects in the two higher Standards occupy the time and attention of the teachers to the neglect of the lower Standards. He complains also of the want of available classrooms (one being given to a library apparently unconnected with the school) as injurious to the reading in all the Standards; and lastly, he complains of the want of desks, which has spoiled the writing, wasted time in the classes, and has prevented the highest discipline grant through the copying traceable to over-crowding.

On this report my Lords remark, in their communication to the Board, that unless the defects referred to by H. M. Inspector are remedied before another Inspection, the grant may be seriously reduced (under article 32*b*). By this article the grant may be reduced by one-half for failure (after six months' notice) on the part of the Managers to remedy any defect in the premises which seriously interferes with the efficiency of the School, or to provide proper furniture, books, maps, and other apparatus of elementary instruction. My Lords further require an explanation of the statement that one of the classrooms is used as a library, apparently unconnected with the School.

The grant earned per scholar is 15s. 5½d.

V.—Deanhaugh Street School.

(1.) The Head-master reports favourably of the work and of his staff. He points out the disadvantages under which his School labours, as compared with others, from its situation and external and internal circumstances. He suggests two improvements; *first*, that each room should be provided with a clock; *second*, that the arrangements for

teaching sewing should be put on a more satisfactory footing. At present the Sewing-mistress teaches nominally one hour a day in the School. But from this time has to be deducted quarter-of-an-hour or twenty minutes spent in walking from Dean School (the Water of Leith) to Deanhaugh. The Sewing-mistress leaves Dean at 11.30, and begins her work, according to the Board's arrangements, at the same time in Deanhaugh Street.

(2.) There were twenty-seven passes in specific subjects, viz., in Literature 16, Physical Geography 2, Chemistry 4, Domestic Economy 5. The Inspector's report strongly condemns the accommodation. His words are, "The Boys' School has no class-room, or more accurately speaking, one which cannot be utilised, and it is inconceivable how the Managers can be satisfied with things as they are." He gives a favourable report of the "acquirement" of the scholars, except in reading. The defects in reading he attributes solely to the inconvenient room in which the children are taught. He attributes to the same cause a slight deficiency in the composition of the Fifth and Sixth Standards, both as regards "form and matter." Similarly he accounts for any fault of organisation and discipline. In conclusion, he asks the question, How long will this state of things last?

On this report, my Lords remark that they trust there will be no delay in providing more suitable accommodation, otherwise next year's grant may be endangered.

The grant earned per scholar is 16s. 2½d.

VI.—Holyrood School.

(1.) The Head-master's report is favourable. He mentions specially that the School is frequented by the children of the better class of artisans and tradesmen in the surrounding districts. He complains of the neglect of the person who at present has charge of the cleaning of the School and Offices; and wishes another in her room.

(2.) There were eleven passes in specific subjects, viz., in Latin 1, Physical Geography 7, Domestic Economy 3. The Inspector's report is unfavourable in regard of the handwriting, spelling, and arithmetic of the Second, Third, and Fourth Standards. The premises are described as very inconvenient.

The grant earned per scholar is 15s. 0¼d.

VII.—Leith Walk School.

(1.) The Head-master's report expresses general satisfaction with the work of the School.

(2.) There were 73 passes in specific subjects, viz., in Latin 6, French 3, Literature 37, Physical Geography 8, Domestic Economy 19. The Inspector praises the work of the Fifth and Sixth Standards.

He complains of the comparative failure of the Fourth Standard in grammar, dictation, and arithmetic, and recommends that the specific subjects should not be attended to till the general efficiency of the School has been raised. Apparently he is not aware that the teaching of specific subjects is compulsory only in those Standards (the Fifth and Sixth) whose work he selects for praise. He complains of the staff being insufficient for the wants of the School; and lastly, of the inadequate supply of desks and forms.

My Lords, in reference to this report, intimate that the grants may be reduced (Art 32*b*) if additional desks are not supplied.

The grant earned per scholar is 15s. 10½*d*.

VIII.—New Street School.

(1.) The Head-master's report is interesting. He shows the effects of the union of New Street and Stevenlaw's Close on the combined School. The inferior class of children in Stevenlaw's Close has affected injuriously the average attendance. The attainments of the pupils from the two Schools have not yet been brought to a level. The union of the Schools has effectually checked the perpetual migration which used to go on when they were separate and competing. The report complains of the irregularity of attendance, but in other respects expresses satisfaction with the School.

(2.) There are no specific subjects. The Inspector's report is quite satisfactory.

The grant earned per scholar is 15s. 11¼*d*.

IX.—Roseburn Infant School.

(1.) Short and favourable report from Head-mistress.

(2.) The Inspector's report was made in February, before the Dalry School was opened.

The grant earned per scholar is 17s. 8¾*d*.

X.—St. Leonard's School.

(1.) The Head-master reports—"The crowded condition of the buildings, and the want of suitable accommodation, both inside and outside, render it next to impossible to exercise over the scholars that supervision without which the tone of the school cannot be satisfactory. The state of instruction again is not what in more favourable circumstances it ought to be. Where so many classes of more than average size are crowded into one room, both teachers and scholars are placed at a serious disadvantage in many ways."

(2.) The Inspector's report is as follows:—

"*Mixed School*.—The accommodation remains unchanged. The total average is 745, while there is requisite superficial space for only

580, even including the second hall, which is used exclusively for sewing and not for teaching purposes. There are only two class-rooms. The one on the ground floor is a miserable place as far as lighting and furniture are concerned, and must be ruinous to the health of the teacher and the children. With accommodation for only 27 children, there are taught nearly 50. In it only three of the benches have backs to them. The other class-room is on the third floor, and through it the Mistress's 300 Infants pass, constantly interrupting the instructions. The *third* class-room, set down in Form IX., does not exist, but the dimensions given correspond with those of the vestry of the adjoining church. In the main room there are at one time being conducted, in six classes, all engaged in oral work. In like manner in the Infant-room there are seven classes receiving instruction from seven distinct teachers all at one time. The hall has poor ventilation, and no offices whatever. How the Managers can expect good educational work in such circumstances is inconceivable. The health of the children and pupil-teachers—as is very apparent from the weekly entries in the Log-Book—is not satisfactory, and the enervating and depressing influence of the bad air, and the great strain required for speaking and hearing, brings with them mechanical difficulties which ought no longer to be tolerated. In such premises high results are not to be looked for, and strict training is out of the question. The work cannot be uniform, particularly the Standards, but throughout, in the specific subjects, the fidelity and ability of the teachers are manifest.

“ Infant School.—The Infant Department is taught with skill and zeal, but, under the above circumstances, the results must necessarily be disappointing. The children are so close that good training and good teaching are alike impossible. The state of the atmosphere is always close and unhealthy. My impression is that the eyesight of not a few of the infants has been affected.

“ My Lords regret that, in spite of repeated warnings, the premises still remain in the same unsatisfactory condition as before, and do not fulfil the conditions of Article 17 (c). Owing to this, their Lordships are compelled to withhold the grant which might have been otherwise earned, and they must refuse to recognise the school as eligible for a grant until the premises have been brought into conformity with the above Article of the Code; and further, until this has been done, no pupil-teachers can be admitted, and the apprenticeship of those already serving must be suspended (Article 70 (a) 2).”

XI.—Stockbridge School.

(1.) The Head-master's report is very interesting and satisfactory.

(2.) The passes in specific subjects are fifty-six, viz., in Physical Geography 24, in Domestic Economy 29, and in Physiology 3. The

condition of the School is described by the Inspector as "highly satisfactory." He complains, however, of the supply of desks as inadequate; and "my Lords trust that more desk accommodation will be provided without delay in the Mixed School."

The average grant earned by the pupils of this School is 18s. 6½d.

XII.—Victoria Terrace School.

(1.) The Head-master speaks favourably of the School.

(2.) The passes in specific subjects are seven, but for these no grant is allowed in terms of the Article of the Code (21 c), which orders that no payment shall be made for specific subjects in a school where the ordinary passes are less than 75 per cent.

The Inspector does not speak so unfavourably of the School, on the whole, as might have been expected. Of the Juvenile Department he says:—"The results are not uniform, and the standard work is mechanical. In the extra branches, however, particularly in the History and Geography, nice intelligence is seen. The Infant School is conducted with care and energy, and, in the circumstances, with creditable success."

The average grant earned by the pupils in this School is 13s. 7½d.

XIII.—West Fountainbridge School.

(1.) The Head-master's report is full, interesting, and satisfactory. The Head-master makes special reference to the case of a monitor recently appointed, J. Graham Smith. "He is an excellent boy, but has no natural aptitude for teaching. He sees only the individual pupil whom he is addressing, and fails to keep order in his class. He is the best scholar among the pupil-teachers."

(2.) In this School there are thirty-seven passes in specific subjects, viz., in Domestic Economy 19, in French 9, in Latin 4, in German 5. The Inspector reports favourably of the Infant School and of the lower standard work of the Juvenile Department, but unfavourably of the higher standards. "The specific subjects," he says, "especially the languages, together with the Grammar of the Sixth Standard, were very well done, and Geography and History pretty well, but almost everything else, from the Fourth Standard upward, came far short of what might be hoped, the blunders in the Fourth Standard being almost unique. These shortcomings he attributes to the following causes—*first*, a certain want of firm supervision over the Department as a whole; *second*, the nature of the room, which makes satisfactory dictation very difficult; *third*, a want (felt in both Departments) of sufficient desks, which, besides other drawbacks, has clearly led to copying.

As a consequence of the Inspector's report, Dr. Robertson's and Mr. Peattie's Certificates are in the meantime withheld, and a deduction of one-tenth of the grant (by Article 32*b*) to the Mixed School, amounting to £50, 14s. 1d., has been ordered, for faults of instruction.

XIV.—West Port School.

(1.) The Head-master complains of the accommodation and site. The furniture is on the whole satisfactory, but forms and desks are required. In other respects his report describes the condition of the School as good.

(2.) The Inspector reports as follows:—"The premises are utterly unworthy of the School Board, and the teachers and pupils must suffer from bad lighting and foul air. The locality is one of the noisiest in Edinburgh; and it is inconceivable that the Board should be so slow to make provision for the educational wants of the district." He complains equally of the accommodation for the Infant Department. At the same time he praises the teachers as faithful and laborious, and the results, in spite of difficulties, as creditable.

Acting on the report of their Inspectors, my Lords withhold the grant altogether (Article 17*c*), and decline to recognise the School any longer. They feel themselves compelled also (by Article 70. *a*. 2.) to suspend the staff of pupil-teachers, and to refuse to admit a new candidate.

XV.—Ponton Street School.

(1.) This School was closed before the Head-master's report was called for.

(2.) Inspector's report brief, but good in the circumstances.
The grant earned per scholar is 11s. 2d.

NOTES on Reports of Head-masters and Inspectors.

I.—HEAD-MASTERS' REPORTS.

The Head-master's Reports require very little comment, but one or two things may be noticed.

I. *Pupil-teachers*.—Against them several complaints are made, and the Committee are of opinion that in Dean School two pupil-teachers should be required to appear before the School Work Committee, and, if the charges against them are substantiated, they should be dismissed. In Leith Walk the same course should be followed in the case of one pupil-teacher. In West Fountainbridge School one of the pupil-

teachers just entering on his course is described as having no aptitude for teaching, but as a good scholar, and an excellent boy in other respects. A further trial might be the best course in his case.

In connection with this subject the Committee recommend that the rule which gives a bonus to pupil-teachers at the end of their course should be modified; and that the payment of the bonus be made only to those pupil-teachers who receive a good character from the Head-master at the end of their course.

2. *School Furniture.*—The Committee recommend that the Visitors of Dean School and of Leith Walk should ascertain whether additional desks and forms are needed, and if so, how many of each should be added.

3. *Additions to Staff of Masters.*—The Head-masters of Dean and Bristo recommend the addition to the Staff of an Assistant. If the Visitors think this addition necessary, it should be made as soon as may be after the Schools re-open.

4. *Miscellaneous.*—The Committee recommend that a clock be put in each of the rooms in Deanhaugh Street School; that the hour for the Sewing-mistress in Deanhaugh Street be so fixed that the full time shall be given to the children, without deduction, as at present, for passing from Dean to Deanhaugh Street; and that a new person for cleaning Holyrood School be engaged.

II.—INSPECTORS' REPORTS.

The complaints against the Board in the Inspectors' Reports are four in number :—

1. *The want of proper Accommodation.*—This is repeatedly pressed upon the Board, more especially in Deanhaugh Street, St. Leonard's, West Port, and Dean Schools. In regard to the first of these Schools, the accommodation is not indeed what the Board could wish, or what they intend ultimately to secure, as they have done in the new Schools which they have erected. But it seems to the Committee that the Inspectors have no reason to complain in the case of this particular School. Their duty is simply to see that the requirements of the Department are complied with. The Committee believe that the School satisfies these requirements. No fault has ever been found with it by Her Majesty's Inspectors until now, when the new School at Stockbridge seems to have led to comparisons which of course are unfavourable to Deanhaugh Street. In regard to St. Leonard's, the Committee are quite aware that the accommodation is inadequate, but the Board has used every means to secure a site and build a new School. The present School is temporary, and allowance ought to be made for this, and credit given to the Board for their sincere desire to remedy the condition of things. At the same time, the Committee recommend that such additional School accommodation as is necessary for the health of teachers and

scholars, and for the efficient conduct of the school, should be secured without delay. The complaint as affecting Dean School is peculiar. A class-room here has been appropriated to a library. If the accommodation for the work of the School is insufficient by reason of this room being used as a library, it should at once be resumed by the Board for school work. If, however, it should be found that there is, as the Board supposes, adequate accommodation without this library room, the Committee would regret its being taken away from the purposes of the library. The library is for the use of the district. It has long been in existence, and seems an object not inconsistent with education. Probably it might be found that the room could be used for both purposes, for the School work by day, and for the accommodation of the books likewise.

2. *The want of Forms and Desks.*—This complaint is made in the case of Dean, Leith Walk, Stockbridge, St. Leonard's, and West Fountain-bridge Schools. The Inspectors attribute much of the weakness in all these Schools (except Stockbridge) to the want of desks, and the Head-master of Dean School so far agrees with the Inspector as to think that five additional desks are required to accommodate ten children. The Inspector and Head-master both agree in thinking that more forms are required for the increased numbers in Leith Walk. The Committee recommend that it be remitted to the Visitors to see what number of desks and forms are required for the efficient working of these Schools. It is to be borne in mind, however, that the sole duty of the Inspector in regard to desks, is to see that there is an adequate number for the efficient working of the School from day to day. It is no part of his business to require, nor is it for the Board to supply, such a number of desks as might facilitate the Inspector's labour, or provide all the children in the School with desks at one and the same time on the day of examination. The Committee cannot help thinking that some idea of this sort has been at the root of the Inspector's complaint. The Board, after careful consideration, came to the conclusion that it was neither necessary nor desirable to provide desks for all the children, and that a supply to accommodate one-third of the School was amply sufficient. By changing from the class-rooms to the main room, which is full of desks, it was imagined that all could be accommodated in detachments at the proper time for the writing of each detachment. If this is not the case, the Committee recommend that so many more desks be added as are necessary. It is a significant fact that the Head-masters do not themselves complain of inadequate supply except to the trifling extent already noticed.

3. *The want of sufficient Staff.*—The requirements of the Department are more than fulfilled in every School by the Board, and the Committee do not think that additions should be rashly made, unless when the Head-master complains of an inadequate supply of teaching power.

4. *The Compulsory Teaching of Specific Subjects.*—In reference to this complaint, the Committee feel themselves in some difficulty. It is said of one School that the Compulsory Specific Subjects have damaged the Fourth Standard, and in another it is recommended by the Inspector that the Specific Subjects should not be attended to till the School is more satisfactory in its knowledge of the regular branches. In the very Schools which call for these remarks, the excellence of the Fifth and Sixth Standards, both in Regular and Specific Subjects, is especially praised. These are the only Standards in which the teaching of Specific Subjects is Compulsory. The complaint therefore resolves itself into a repetition of the former one, that the Staff is insufficient—and that if Specific Subjects are attended to in the Fifth and Sixth Standards, more teachers must be provided for the rest of the School, and especially for the Fourth Standard, lest it should be neglected. It is just possible, however, that the Inspectors may be under the impression that the teaching of the Specific Subjects is compulsory in the Fourth Standard. The Committee would recommend, therefore, that a notice be issued to the Head-masters in the Schools complained of, and that they be forbidden, till further notice, to teach Specific Subjects in the Fourth Standard at all.

If the objections of the Inspector go upon the assumption that Specific Subjects are best excluded altogether from Elementary Schools, the Committee are wholly opposed to this view. So far from being injurious to an Elementary School, instruction in the higher subjects tends to give vigour, and to widen the whole education given in the School.

Results of the Inspectors' Reports.

Most serious results have followed from the Reports of H. M. Inspectors. In the case of Dean, Deanhaugh, Leith Walk, and Stockbridge Schools we are threatened with a reduction of the grants, unless the defects referred to are remedied before another inspection. In West Fountainbridge, a deduction of one-tenth of the grant has been ordered for faults of instruction; and, finally, St. Leonard's and West Port Schools have been deprived altogether of the grants which they had earned, and the apprenticeship of the pupil-teachers has been suspended. The Committee feel that the responsibility of dealing with these resolutions of the Department is beyond their province; and that it remains now for the Board to decide what steps shall be taken to recover, if possible, the grants that have been forfeited, to restore the pupil-teachers to their position, and to justify the Board with the Department.

ANALYSIS OF H. M. INSPECTOR'S REPORTS UPON THE BOARD SCHOOLS FOR 1878.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	Average Attendance of School.	Qualified for Examination in Standards.	Presented in Standards.	Passed in Subjects.			Percentage passed in Subjects.			Average Percentage passed in the Three Subjects.	TOTAL GRANT EARNED.			Rate of Grant per Scholar in Average Attendance.		
				Reading.	Writing.	Arith- metic.	Reading.	Writing.	Arith- metic.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bristo, *	404	165	135	130	103	63	96-29	76-29	46-6	73-08	216	18	6	0	10	8½
Causewayside, .	522	360	339	324	301	295	95-57	88-49	87-	90-46	446	8	0	0	17	1
Dean, .	311	200	182	149	152	130	81-86	83-51	71-42	78-93	240	8	0	0	15	5½
Deanhaugh Street, .	297	215	184	179	166	145	97-28	90-21	78-8	88-76	240	19	0	0	16	2½
Holyrood, .	300	217	201	169	148	142	83-07	73-63	70-64	76-11	225	11	0	0	15	0½
Leith Walk, .	761	564	517	456	409	369	88-2	79-11	71-37	79-56	604	2	0	0	15	10½
New Street, .	817	511	472	441	436	397	93-43	92-37	84-11	89-97	651	10	6	0	15	11½
Ponton Street, .	78	35	32	31	30	21	96-87	93-75	65-62	85-41	43	10	0	0	11	1½
Roseburn, .	301	241	213	208	197	181	97-65	92-48	84-97	91-7	267	2	6	0	17	8½
St. Leonard's, .	746	533	473	417	367	388	88-16	77-58	82-02	82-59	567	3	0	0	15	2½
Stockbridge, .	609	491	448	433	430	436	96-65	95-98	97-32	96-65	564	2	6	0	18	6½
Victoria Terrace, .	241	129	118	106	86	59	89-82	72-88	50-	70-9	164	3	0	0	13	7½
West Fountainbridge, .	888	697	622	559	532	538	89-87	85-53	86-49	87-29	739	3	6	0	16	7½
West Port, .	259	149	139	134	119	108	96-4	85-61	77-69	86-57	202	8	0	0	15	7½
	6534	4507	4075	3736	3476	3272	91-68	85-3	80-29	85-75	5173	9	6	0	15	10

* This School was opened only three months before the return was made up, when the Children formerly attending Nicolson Square School were drafted into it.

+ The Scotch Education Department have made a deduction of £50, 14s. 1d. from the total Grant earned; thus only £688, 9s. 5d. has been paid as Grant. In this way the rate of Grant per Scholar is reduced to 15s. 6d.

ANALYSIS OF H. M. INSPECTOR'S REPORTS UPON THE BOARD SCHOOLS FOR 1878.—Continued.

NAME OF SCHOOL	STANDARD V.				STANDARD VI.				TOTAL PASSES IN SUBJECTS IN STANDARDS I., II., AND III.				TOTAL PASSES IN SUBJECTS IN STANDARDS IV., V., AND VI.				SPECIAL SUBJECTS.											
	Percentage passed.				Percentage passed.				Percentage Passed.				Percentage Passed.				English Literature.	Latin.	French.	Chemistry.	Physical Geography.	Domestic Economy.	Physiology.	German.				
	Number presented.				Number presented.				Number Presented.				Number Presented.												Total passed in the three Subjects.	Arithmetic.	Writing.	Reading.
	Reading.	Writing.	Arithmetic.		Reading.	Writing.	Arithmetic.		Reading.	Writing.	Arithmetic.		Reading.	Writing.	Arithmetic.													
Bristol,	3	100	66.6	33.3	...	...	...	...	116	95.68	78.44	47.41	73.85	13	100	61.53	30.76	64.1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Causewayside,	16	100	68.75	75	...	100	...	...	196	93.36	86.22	88.77	89.45	64	96.87	82.81	65.62	81.77	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Dean,	13	100	100	100	...	100	...	...	134	79.1	82.83	68.65	76.86	48	89.68	85.41	79.16	84.72	17	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Deanhaugh Street,	10	100	80	50	...	100	...	...	116	99.13	89.65	81.03	89.94	41	97.56	98.68	87.8	92.68	16	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Holyrood,	7	85.71	71.42	71.42	...	50	...	...	111	90.9	72.07	72.97	78.67	32	75	62.5	71.87	69.79	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Leith Walk,	45	100	64.4	91.1	...	100	...	...	312	86.53	79.8	64.74	77.02	126	84.92	64.28	77.7	75.66	37	...	...	...	...	...	...			
New Street,	16	100	100	87.5	...	...	...	...	400	92.25	93	84.75	90	72	100	88.8	80.5	89.81	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Ponton Street,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	96.87	93.75	65.62	85.41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Roseburn,	4	100	100	100	...	100	...	...	184	98.36	91.84	87.5	92.57	29	93.1	96.55	68.96	86.2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
St. Leonard's,	23	73.91	78.26	82.6	...	100	...	...	317	96.84	80.44	85.48	87.59	70	70	57.14	88.57	71.9	92	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Stockbridge,	37	91.89	89.18	100	...	97.3	...	...	216	100	95.37	99.07	99.84	137	91.97	94.16	93.43	93.18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Victoria Terrace,	7	100	85.71	42.85	...	100	...	...	80	91.25	72.5	41.25	68.3	20	75	55	55	61.6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
West Fountainbridge,	30	73.3	46.6	93.3	...	64.7	...	...	383	98.95	90.86	92.16	93.99	129	68.99	59.68	72.09	66.92	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
West Port,	5	100	40	80	...	100	...	...	86	97.67	81.39	81.39	86.82	20	95	80	50	75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
	216	91.6	74.53	86.11	86	98.83	90.69	76.74	2683	94.14	86.17	80.5	86.94	801	73.15	75.65	77.7	75.53	119	17	12	4	67	128	28	5		

APPENDIX No. III.

*Outline of a suitable Course of Religious Instruction in the
Primary Schools.*

STANDARDS I. and II.; III. and IV.; V. and VI. may be conjoined.

Each Standard should show a general knowledge of subjects previously studied.

In the teaching of the three highest Standards it is expected that reference will be made to the map.

INFANTS.

Creation, Fall, and Bible Stories,—Old and New Testament.

To be committed: 23d Psalm and 2d Paraphrase.

The Lord's Prayer.

STANDARD I.

Outline of the Book of Genesis.

Birth and early Life of our Lord.

To be committed: Four Psalms or Paraphrases.

The Ten Commandments.

STANDARD II.

Lives of Jacob and Joseph, and the Deliverance from Egypt
(Gen. xxix. to end, and Ex. i.-xii.)

Life of Christ.

To be committed: Four Psalms or Paraphrases.

Matt. v. 1-12.

or 1 Cor. xiii.

Catechism; 39-82.

STANDARD III.

History of Israel from the Exodus till the Conquest of Canaan.

Life of Christ, and especially the Miracles.

To be committed : Four Psalms or Paraphrases.

Selected verses from Proverbs (not fewer than 30).

Luke ii. 46-55, or 68-79.

Catechism : 82-107.

STANDARD IV.

Israel under Joshua and Judges.

Life of Christ, and especially the Parables.

To be committed : Six Psalms or Paraphrases.

Is. liii. and Eccles. xi. 9 to end.

Catechism : 1-39.

STANDARD V.

Books of Samuel.

Gospel of St. Matthew or St. Luke.

To be committed : Eight Psalms or Paraphrases.

Ps. ciii., and Romans viii. 28-39.

Catechism : 1-107.

STANDARD VI.

Books of Kings and Chronicles.

Acts of the Apostles.

To be committed : Ten Psalms or Paraphrases.

Proverbs viii ; John xvii.

Catechism : 1-107, and Proofs of the principal
Doctrines.

APPENDIX No. IV.

*ABSTRACT of REPORT by Inspector of Needlework
in the Board Schools.—July 1878.***New Street School**—Mrs. ROBERTSON and Pupil-Teachers.

Time—Standards I., II., III., one hour daily; Standard IV., four hours per week; Standards V., VI., three hours per week. Discipline and order excellent. Work very good. Great attention is paid to teaching the children to prepare their own work. Darning and patching taught, but it is difficult to induce the children to bring articles of clothing to be mended. Teaching thoroughly efficient and intelligent.

Infant Department.—The results of the teaching here cannot be satisfactory. The class of children in the School is very poor,—and their condition educationally make it difficult to secure sufficient time for the teaching of sewing in the Infant School.*

Stevenlaw's Close School—Miss THOMSON and Pupil-Teachers.

Time—One hour daily. Classes taught simultaneously. Order good. Work not well finished and not clean. Teaching fair. The children are in different stages of advancement, and the class is large. This makes more thorough organisation difficult.

Bristo Street School—Miss DONALDSON and Pupil-Teachers.

Teaching and discipline very good. The order and method in arranging the work specially commended. The specimens of sewing were clean and neatly finished. Knitting and darning both good.

This department of School work is altogether satisfactory.

Infant Department.—Work good.

Leith Walk School—Miss M'NEILL and Pupil-Teachers.

Time—The lower classes have four hours per week. The higher classes have three hours per week. Arrangement for distribution of work commended. Order and discipline good. Work excellent, well finished and clean. Teaching thoroughly efficient.

Infant Department.—Work and order very good.

St. Leonard's School—Miss KELLO and Pupil-Teachers.

Time—Each Standard has five hours per week, except Standard II., which has four hours per week. Discipline irregular. Arrangements for distribution of work are deficient. In general the specimens of

* The class was under instruction only for six weeks previous to the visit of the Inspector.

sewing were fair, in some cases good. There is evidently deficient preparation and a want of supervision on the part of the teacher.

Infant Department.—Teaching satisfactory.

Stockbridge School—Miss CAMPBELL and Pupil-Teachers.

Time—Standards I., II., three hours; Standards III., IV., five hours; and Standards V., VI., three hours. Order, discipline, and method very good. Teaching excellent. Specimens of work both in sewing and knitting very good. All kinds of darning taught, and well done. Everything shows that a high class of work is aimed at, and the results are very good.

Infant Department.—Taught by Pupil-teacher under the supervision of the Sewing-Mistress.

Victoria Terrace School—Mrs. M'INTYRE and Pupil-Teachers.

Time—One hour daily. Classes taught simultaneously. Defective accommodation makes good order and discipline difficult. There is a want of method in the arrangement and distribution of work. Some of the specimens of work were good, but imperfectly finished. In the younger classes the work was irregular. Knitting coarse and irregular.

West Port School—Miss ROBERTSON (the Mistress of the Infant Department) and Pupil-Teachers.

Time—One hour daily. Classes taught simultaneously. Order and discipline good. Arrangement for distribution of work very good. Work well prepared, neatly sewed, and tidily finished. Knitting good. Darning fair.

West Fountainbridge School—Miss DEWAR and Pupil-Teachers.

Time—Standard I., four hours per week; and Standards II., III., IV., V., VI., five hours. Discipline and order good, especially in distribution of work; but the sewing-room is too small for the size of the classes. Work on the whole excellent, and judiciously arranged for the capabilities of the children. Knitting and darning are well taught.

Teaching is efficient, and there is satisfactory supervision and preparation of work.

Infant Department.—Order and work very satisfactory.

Roseburn Infant School—Miss DONALDSON.

Time—Four half-hours per week. Excellent order. Work good.

Dalry School—Miss BRUNTON and Pupil-Teachers.

Time—Standards I. and II., five hours per week; Standard III., four hours; and Standards IV., V., VI., three hours per week.

Organisation very good. The children are ready for work four minutes after entering the class-room. Work in each class very good. Great attention is paid to neatness in finishing the work. The children are taught to prepare their own work, even in the youngest classes. Darning and knitting good. The teaching is thoroughly efficient.

Infant Department.—Satisfactory.

Holyrood School—Mrs. COOPER, under the Mistress of the Infant Department (Mrs. ANDERSON).

Time—One hour daily. Classes taught simultaneously. Discipline very good. Specimens of sewing and knitting good. Good useful articles of clothing were well sewed. Darning taught. Teaching efficient.

Infant Department.—Work fair.

Deanhaugh Street School—Mrs. GRANT.

Time—One hour daily. Classes taught simultaneously. Order and discipline fair. Work in some cases good, but irregular. There seems to be a want of proper preparation of work, which may account for the defective supervision of the work done in the class.

Infant Department.—Work good. Children quiet and orderly.

Dean School—Mrs. GRANT.

Time—Higher classes three hours per week ; lower classes five hours per week. Order and discipline fair. Work on the whole good. The elder girls are taught to prepare their own work. Knitting and darning good. There seems to be a want of life in the classes, which may arise from too much time being taken up with preparation of work, thus interfering with supervision.

Infant Department.—Work satisfactory.

Causewayside School—Miss SHEARER and Pupil-Teachers.

Time—Standard I., five hours per week ; Standards II., III., IV., four hours ; and Standards V., VI., three hours per week. Organisation and order very good. Work in all the classes very good. The materials used are particularly good and well chosen. Special attention is given to preparation of work and economical use of materials. Knitting very good. The teaching is efficient and the results most satisfactory.

Infant Department.—Sewing very good.

Miss Gregory's Report concludes as follows :—

"I have much pleasure in stating that, after carefully examining the Sewing and Specimen Needlework of the Schools connected with the

Edinburgh School Board, I am fully warranted in stating that I found the Schools in most excellent order, and the work highly satisfactory.

“The larger Schools are well organised and in thorough discipline.

“The time devoted to Needlework is, taking the whole course from beginning to end, quite adequate for the thorough instruction of the pupils. The smaller Schools were in general very efficiently taught, although in some instances, partly owing to local causes, the supervision and discipline were not quite so satisfactory.

“The teachers are for the most part very efficient, and seem to be very judicious in the choice of work, suiting it to the age and acquirements of the pupils. Their great aim is not only to teach them to sew neatly, but to acquire habits of industry, tidiness, and economy, which, when once confirmed, must prove of essential benefit to them through life. The Infant Department is also successfully taught, showing good results.

“The manners and behaviour of the pupils were highly creditable.

“The Lady Managers take a deep interest in the Schools, and are untiring in their exertions on their behalf.

“In drawing this Report to a close, I beg leave to thank the Lady Managers, Head-teachers, and all connected with the Sewing Department, for the great kindness and courtesy that were shown to me, and the facilities afforded me for the ample inspection of the work.”

APPENDIX No. V.
RETURN OF ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS for Five Weeks ending 1st November 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average Number on Roll for 5 weeks ending 1st Nov. 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Bristol, ...	699	382	1081	661	365	1026	588	396	914	88.9	89.3	89.18
Causewayside, ...	662	304	966	397	281	678	358	240	598	90.1	89.4	89.2
Dalry, ...	650	437	1087	628	407	1035	532	330	862	84.7	81.	83.28
Dean, ...	221	160	381	211	150	361	181	135	316	85.7	90.	87.53
Deanhaugh Street, ...	212	140	352	196	115	311	164	110	274	83.6	95.6	88.1
Holyrood, ...	205	246	451	182	228	410	156	180	326	85.7	78.9	81.05
Leith Walk, ...	854	399	1253	782	368	1150	658	294	952	84.1	79.8	82.78
New Street, ...	743	443	1186	698	418	1116	628	345	973	89.9	82.5	87.18
Roseburn, ...	...	81	81	...	74	74	...	68	68	...	91.99	91.99
St. Leonard's, ...	565	359	924	524	348	872	473	291	764	90.2	83.6	87.01
Stockbridge, ...	505	255	760	493	239	732	447	217	664	90.6	90.7	90.71
Victoria Terrace, ...	190	155	345	144	133	277	122	105	227	84.7	78.9	81.94
West Fountainbridge, ...	673	379	1052	645	365	1010	588	315	903	91.1	86.3	89.4
West Port, ...	210	147	357	172	120	292	142	98	240	82.5	81.6	82.19
Total,	6389	3887	10,276	5733	3611	9344	5037	3054	8091	87.85	84.57	86.59
Corresponding period last Session,	5514	3573	9,087	5026	3232	8258	4389	2691	7080	87.32	83.26	83.73

APPENDIX No. VI.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at Nine Roman Catholic Schools for Five Weeks ending 1st November 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 6 Weeks ending 1st Nov. 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
St. Mary's District—												
St. John's, York Lane (Girls), .	156	193	349	137	162	299	116	139	255	84.6	85.8	85.28
St. Andrew's, Maryfield (Boys), .	251	...	251	208	...	208	182	...	182	87.5	...	87.5
St. Patrick's District—												
St. Mary's, Lothian Street (Girls),	243	...	243	170	...	170	146	...	146	85.88	...	85.88
" " " (Infants),	...	360	360	...	226	226	...	187	187	...	82.74	82.74
St. Ann's, Niddry Street (Girls), .	245	493	738	173	204	377	140	144	284	80.9	70.5	75.33
St. Patrick's, Cowgate (Boys), .	316	...	316	242	...	242	197	...	197	81.4	...	81.4
Sacred Heart District—												
Glen Street, Lauriston (Boys), .	180	...	180	150	...	150	128	...	128	84.4	...	84.4
" " " (Girls),	141	...	141	128	...	128	102	...	102	79.06	...	79.06
" " " (Infants), .	...	187	187	...	145	145	...	128	128	...	88.27	88.27
Total,	1532	1233	2765	1209	737	1946	1009	698	1607	83.45	81.13	82.57
Corresponding period last Session,	1505	1029	2534	1250	749	1999	1005	534	1539	80.4	71.29	76.98

APPENDIX No. VII.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at Nine Non-Board Schools for Five Weeks ending 1st November 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 5 Weeks ending 1st Nov. 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Trinity Episcopal, ...	151	269	420	145	259	404	121	166	287	83·4	64·	71·03
Canongate Burgh, ...	131	158	289	123	152	275	104	126	230	84·5	82·8	83·63
Canongate Christian Society, ...	121	...	121	115	...	115	93	...	93	80·87	...	80·87
St. Cuthbert's Industrial, ...	82	...	82	76	...	76	75	...	75	98·68	...	98·68
Greenside—Dr. Bell's, ...	280	104	384	252	92	344	227	80	307	90·	86·9	86·34
Greenside—Girls, ...	79	...	79	75	...	75	62	...	62	82·6	...	82·6
Buccleuch, ...	227	148	375	215	136	351	163	96	259	75·8	70·5	73·78
Lady Glenorchy's, ...	218	147	365	204	115	319	167	85	242	76·9	73·9	75·86
Blind Asylum, ...	53	...	53	50	...	50	50	...	50	100·	...	100·
Total,	1342	826	2168	1255	754	2009	1052	553	1605	83·82	73·34	79·89
Corresponding period last Session { —11 Schools}	1750	1314	3064	1616	1255	2871	1365	998	2363	84·46	79·59	82·3

APPENDIX No. VIII.

MONTHLY RETURN of the number of Pupils on the Roll
and in Attendance at GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL
SCHOOLS on 20th October 1878.

SCHOOLS.	No. Fixed.	On the Roll.	Average Number Attending.		No. Left.	Per cent. Absent.	Schedules in hands of Teachers.
			Week Day.	Sunday.			
1. Heriot Bridge, . . .	318	274	252	...	14	8	3
2. Cowgate Port, . . .	330	316	296	...	5	6	...
3. High School Yards, . .	330	312	289	...	8	8	...
4. Old Assembly Close, . .	320	309	293	...	3	6	3
5. Borthwick Close, . . .	320	301	284	...	7	6	...
6. Brown Square, . . .	240	237	216	...	4	9	...
7. Rose Street, . . .	326	324	303	...	2	6	1
8. Broughton, . . .	250	239	219	...	6	7	...
9. Abbeyhill, . . .	320	297	270	...	4	7	...
10. Davie Street, . . .	320	291	277	...	4	5	...
11. Grindlay Street, . . .	290	285	275	...	3	3	5
12. Stockbridge, . . .	30	318	304	...	10	5	1
INFANT SCHOOLS—							
13. High School Yards, . .	185	186	174	...	...	6	32
14. Rose Street, . . .	170	168	155	...	3	7	...
15. Broughton, . . .	160	153	141	...	3	7	...
16. Victoria Street, . . .	180	180	163	...	2	16	28
17. Abbeyhill, . . .	170	176	156	...	...	10	25
18. Davie Street, . . .	180	180	166	...	1	8	55
19. Stockbridge, . . .	200	153	141	...	...	11	...
	4939	4699	4374	...	79	7	153

APPENDIX No. IX.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at* PUBLIC EVENING CLASSES
for Five Weeks ending 31st October 1878.

	Enrolled since School opened in Sept. last.	Average No. on Roll for Five Weeks ending 31st October 1878.	Average Nightly Attendance for same period.	Percentage present for same period.
FOR YOUNG MEN.				
1. St. Leonard's, ...	53	38	23	60·52
2. New Street, ...	72	53	41	77·35
3. Leith Walk, ...	87	60	40	66·6
4. Stockbridge, ...	57	42	31	73·8
5. West Fountainbridge, ...	141	116	106	91·37
6. Dalry, ...	72	61	54	88·52
	482	370	295	79·72
FOR YOUNG WOMEN.				
1. Bristo, ...	73	54	49	90·74
2. Stockbridge, ...	18	12	8	66·6
	91	66	57	86·36
TOTAL (Male and Female). . .	573	436	352	80·73

APPENDIX No. X.

MONTHLY RETURN of the number of Pupils on the Roll
and in Attendance at GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL
EVENING CLASSES on 20th October 1878.

Name of School and Subject of Instruction.	On the Roll.
SPECIAL CLASSES.	
FOR MALES.	
Brown Square—	
1. Arithmetic, ...	71
2. Mathematics, ...	14
3. English Grammar and Composition, ...	34
Broughton Street—	
4. Writing and Book-keeping, ...	60
5. Shorthand, ...	33
Rose Street—	
6. French, ...	65
7. German, ...	18
Victoria Street—	
8. Drawing, ...	48
9. Drawing, ...	50
FOR FEMALES.	
Broughton Street—	
10. Writing and Book-keeping, ...	47
ELEMENTARY CLASSES.	
FOR MALES.	
11. High School Yards, ...	153
12. Heriot Bridge, ...	105
13. Rose Street, ...	125
14. Davie Street, ...	158
FOR FEMALES.	
15. Cowgate Port, ...	124
	1105

MINUTE OF MEETING
OF
EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD
HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 11th DECEMBER 1878.

AT a Meeting of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD, held in the
Offices of the BOARD, No. 9 South Castle Street, on
*Wednesday, the 11th day of December 1878, at Three
o'clock P.M. :*

Present,—

Rev. ARCHIBALD SCOTT, D.D., *Chairman.*

Rev. WM. ADAMSON.	THOMAS HARVEY, Esq., LL.D.
Rev. ALEX. WILLIAMSON.	DAVID DICKSON, Esq.
Rev. WM. SMITH, D.D.	JAMES GOWANS, Esq.
JOHN CLAPPERTON, Esq.	J. DICK PEDDIE, Esq.
J. GUTHRIE SMITH, Esq.	Miss PHOEBE BLYTH.
Miss FLORA C. STEVENSON.	

Letter of apology from Bailie Tawse was laid on the table.

The Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting were held as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The Minute of the Special Meeting of the Board, held in the Police Court-room, on Saturday the 30th November, was approved.

Miss Stevenson read the Report of the Committee on School Attendance :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The Committee remitted to the Convener to examine the cases reported by the Compulsory Officer of children found selling Newspapers, etc., in the streets, and the clerk was instructed to authorise Mr. Wm. Macdonald to prosecute, on behalf of the Board, the cases selected by the Convener.

The Committee remitted to Sheriff Guthrie Smith and Mr. David Philip, S.S.C., to prepare the necessary Forms for enforcing the provisions of the Education Acts, 1872 and 1878, against Parents and Employers.

The Committee had before them letters from Mr. McNeill, manager of the Princess' Theatre, and Messrs. Cooke Brothers, Cooke's Royal Circus, asking whether themselves and the parents of such children as they may employ in their respective establishments would be liable to prosecution under the Education Act of 1878. The clerk was instructed to intimate to these gentlemen that the employment of young children in theatres, circuses, and similar establishments, does not, in the opinion of the Committee, exempt the parents and the employers

from the penalties prescribed by the Education Act of 1878. They also instructed the clerk to send a copy of the Notices issued by the Board, regarding the employment of children, to the managers of all the theatres, circuses, etc., in the city.

The Committee authorised a Special Meeting of the Board, to be held in the Police Court-room, on Saturday, the 30th November, to consider the cases of defaulting parents submitted by the Compulsory Officer, and selected by the Convener of the Committee.

The Committee had before them a letter from the Rev. A. Mackenzie, minister of Tolbooth Free Church, asking the Board, in name of the Kirk-Session of his church, to reconsider their decision to close the Infant Department of Victoria Terrace School on the opening of North Canongate School. The Committee, after considering all the circumstances of the case, agreed to recommend the Board to adhere to the resolution formerly come to in respect of this School.

The Committee were informed that the managers of Fountainbridge Free Church School resolved to close that School. They have, however, upon the representation of the Committee, agreed to keep it open until the close of the present session.

FLORA C. STEVENSON, *Convener*.

Miss Stevenson moved, and Sheriff Guthrie Smith seconded, the approval of the Report. Miss Blyth moved, and Mr. Dickson seconded, that the Infant Department of Victoria Terrace School be kept open during the winter months, otherwise that the Report be approved. For Miss Stevenson's motion there voted :—Dr. Scott, Mr. Gowans, Dr. Harvey, Mr. Dick Peddie, Sheriff Guthrie Smith, Miss Stevenson, Mr. Williamson, and Dr. Smith ; and for Miss Blyth's amendment :—Miss Blyth and Mr. Dickson. The Report was accordingly approved, and the resolution to close both departments of Victoria Terrace School, on the opening of North Canongate School, formerly adopted, was adhered to.

Mr. Adamson read the Report of the Committee on Evening Schools :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVENING SCHOOLS.

The Committee recommend that Mr. John Barnie be appointed to teach the New Street Evening Class in room of Mr. Glass, resigned.

The Committee recommend that the Evening Class for Young Women, held in Stockbridge School, be continued until the close of the Session, for the convenience of girls under 13 years of age living in the District, who have been allowed to attend an Evening Class.

WM. ADAMSON, *Convener*.

The Report was approved.

The Chairman read the Report of the Finance Committee :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee agreed to recommend the Board to ask the sanction of the Scotch Education Department for a Building Loan of £40,000 from the Public Works Loan Commissioners—(1.) To meet the pay-

ments which may be outstanding in respect of Dalry and North Canongate Schools, after exhausting the former two loans of £70,000 and £35,000, and the building grants from the Department ; and (2.) To acquire sites for, and to erect and fit up, three new schools. The Loan to be repayable on the same terms as the former Loans, viz., by thirty equal annual instalments, including principal and interest. The Committee further recommend that the Clerk be instructed to make application to the Public Works Loan Board for this Loan of £40,000 before the 31st day of December 1878.

The Committee authorised the payment of the Architect's Accounts for West Fountainbridge and Causewayside Schools.

Certificate "A," claiming a Building Grant of £862 from the Scotch Education Department, on account of Bristo School, was submitted, and signed by the Chairman and a quorum of the Board.

The Committee instructed the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements for preparing a detailed return, required by the Local Government Board, of the various payments made out of the last two instalments of the Building Loan of £70,000, and the entire Loan of £35,000 received by the Board from the Public Works Loan Commissioners.

The Committee authorised the fittings and apparatus in the various Schools to be insured as follows, viz. :—Bristo for £500 ; Causewayside for £400 ; Dean for £200 ; Leith Walk for £500 ; New Street for £200, and Sessional for £100 ; Stockbridge for £400 ; West Fountainbridge for £500 ; Dalry for £500 ; and North Canongate for £600.

JOHN TAWSE, *Convener*.

The Report was approved.

Dr. Harvey read the Report of the Committee on School Work :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL WORK.

The Committee agreed to recommend that a certificated Teacher (male), at a salary of £80 per annum, be appointed in the Juvenile Department of West Fountainbridge School, and that two of the Pupil-teachers at present serving there be transferred to Causewayside School.

They recommend that a certificated Female Assistant Teacher, at a salary of £70 per annum, be appointed to Dalry School, in room of two Pupil-teachers who are to leave at the end of January 1879 ; and that another certificated Female Assistant Teacher be appointed to Leith Walk School, at a salary of £70 per annum, to provide for the increased attendance at that School.

The Committee recommend that Jane A. Stevenson and Hannah Lawson, Pupil-teachers in St. Leonard's School, who, though over fifteen years of age, only passed the entrance examination under Code 1878, be continued, subject to the recommendation of the Head-Master.

The Committee recommend that Miss Morham be appointed a Lady Manager of St. Leonard's School.

The Committee have appointed Mr. Maxwell Shennan to teach Victoria Terrace School till the end of December, in room of Mr. Glass, resigned.

The Committee recommend that three weeks' leave of absence be granted to Mr. Bauchope, Head-Master of New Street School, in con-

sequence of his illness, and that Mr. George Robertson, South Gray's Close School, be asked to take Mr. Bauchope's place.

The following Pupil-teachers have been appointed, viz. :—Robert J. Reith, Isabella A. Goodwin, Bessie M. Stewart, to Leith Walk School; and Helen Moncur to Bristo School.

The Committee recommend that additional seating accommodation for 100 children be provided for Leith Walk School.

THOMAS HARVEY, *Convener*.

The Report was approved, and it was remitted to the School Management Committee to make the appointments recommended by the School Work Committee.

Mr. Gowans read the Report of the Committee on Building and Apparatus :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUILDING.

The Committee had before them Estimates for laying out the playgrounds of North Canongate School with asphalt and concrete pavement. They agreed to accept the estimate of Messrs. Stuart and Co. for concrete pavement, amounting to £300, 3s. The estimate originally accepted for gravelling the playground amounted to £50, so that the total additional cost will be £250, 3s.

The Committee recommend that the apparatus, etc., of Holyrood, Victoria Terrace, and South Gray's Close Schools be utilised in North Canongate School. They instructed the Clerk to order the supply of additional apparatus considered necessary, according to a detailed list furnished by the Head-Master.

The Committee requested Mr. Beattie, the architect for the school, to take estimates for window-blinds. It was agreed to keep on fires, and to keep the gas in the school lighted.

The Committee instructed Mr. Wilson to take estimates for supplying the necessary furniture for the Teachers' rooms.

The Committee recommend that the playground of Roseburn School be levelled and provided with cess-pools and gratings, and divided by a small partition at the back of the school. The cost, as per estimate of Mr. George Anderson, amounts to £23, 7s. 8d.

The Committee recommend that a press be put into the sewing-room of West Fountainbridge School.

JAMES GOWANS, *Convener*.

The Report was approved. It was agreed, upon the recommendation of Mr. Beattie, the architect, to delay proceeding with the cementing of the playground of North Canongate School till spring.

Sheriff Guthrie Smith read the Report of the Joint-Committee on Law and High School :—

REPORT OF JOINT-COMMITTEES ON LAW AND HIGH SCHOOL.

The Joint-Committees, having further considered the subject of their last report, are of opinion that No. 4, viz., Lighting and Heating;

and Cleaning, Books, etc., in No. 5, are not properly chargeable against the maintenance of the School Building; but that otherwise the Report may be approved of.

J. GUTHRIE SMITH, *Convenor*.

The Report was approved.

The Board proceeded to consider the proposal of the School Work Committee, in their Report to the last Meeting of the Board, regarding the examination and appointment of Pupil-teachers.

Dr. Harvey moved, and Miss Stevenson seconded, that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. Mr. Adamson moved, and Mr. Williamson seconded, that the words "that appointments be made by the School Work Committee" be left out, otherwise that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. For Dr. Harvey's motion there voted—Dr. Scott, Mr. Gowans, Dr. Harvey, Mr. Dick Peddie, Sheriff Guthrie Smith, and Miss Stevenson. For Mr. Adamson's amendment there voted—Mr. Adamson, Miss Blyth, Mr. Clapperton, Mr. Dickson, and Mr. Williamson. There being a majority for the motion, the recommendations of the School Work Committee were adopted.

Miss Stevenson read the Report of Examination of Children under Thirteen years of age for admission to Evening Classes as follows:—

REPORT of Children under Thirteen Years of Age presented for Pass to Evening Classes.

As reported to the last Meeting of the Board, the Committee had before them 130 children under thirteen years of age, of whom they passed 121 to Evening Classes. In addition, 16 children were examined by a member of the Board, passed to Heriot's Evening Classes, and reported to the Committee. Since last Meeting, 41 presented themselves, of whom the Committee passed 34, and allowed 6 additional to attend an Evening Class till the end of December—thus making a total of 171 passed to Evening Classes.

It will be observed that there are reported by the Compulsory Officer 187 children under thirteen years of age attending Evening Classes. This is explained by the fact that some of the children passed by the Committee last year are still under thirteen years of age.

Miss Stevenson verbally reported regarding the operation of the Committee of Members of the Board and others recently formed to procure food and clothing for destitute children on condition of their attending school. It was remitted to the School Attendance Committee to consider and report upon the question of Education of neglected and destitute Children.

Mr. Gowans read the following Report on Schools in course of Erection:—

REPORT BY MR. GOWANS ON SCHOOLS IN COURSE OF ERECTION.

1. *North Canongate School*: The whole works under contract are completed, with the exception of some of the hat and cloak pins and some of the seats, but the material is on the ground. The painter work should be completed by the end of the week.

On the whole, the School should be quite ready for opening after the New Year holidays.

2. *St. Leonard's School*: A satisfactory beginning has been made with this School.

JAMES GOWANS.

The following Report of the Compulsory Officer was laid on the Table:—

COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT for the FOUR WEEKS ending November 30, 1878.

Abstract of Statistics for the Eight Districts.

Total number of Children visited during the Four Weeks ending November 30, ...	2580
Of the above number there are:—	
Dead, ...	...
Above age, ...	37
Incurable, ...	3
Left the City, ...	47
Removed to other parts of the City	42
Gone to School, ...	1690
Absent through Temporary Causes, ...	761
	2580

Of the number Absent through Temporary Causes, there are:—

Refractory, ...	6
Sick, ...	379
Wanting Clothing, ...	43
Unable to pay Fees, ...	21
Considered too young, ...	61
Absent from want of Accommodation, ...	43
Absent through various causes, but under promise to send soon, ...	208
{ Fault of Parents, 173 } { Fault of Children, 35 } .	
	761

N.B.—Of the 761 Absent, 412 are returned over seven years of age, and 349 under seven.

Of the 375 returned Sick, 35 are Fever cases, 7 Hooping-Cough, and 2 Measles: these include Children prevented from attending School, owing to some member of the family having Fever, Hooping-Cough, or Measles.

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
EDINBURGH, December 5, 1878.

**COMPULSORY OFFICER'S REPORT on Evening School Attendance of
Children under 13 years of age.**

Eight Evening Schools under the Board were visited regularly each week between the 7th November and 4th December 1878, when the Rolls were examined. The result is as follows:—

Boys regular, ...	76	
„ irregular, ...	9	
„ above 13 years of age, ...	...	
„ sick, ...	...	
„ left town, ...	...	
„ gone to Day-school, ...	...	
		85
Girls regular, ...	50	
„ irregular, ...	1	
„ above 13 years of age, ...	...	
„ gone to the country, ...	1	
		52
Total, ...		137

Nine Non-Board Evening Schools were visited same as above. The result is as follows:—

Boys regular, ...	30	
„ irregular, ...	5	
„ gone to Day-school, ...	...	
„ above 13 years of age, ...	...	
		35
Girls regular, ...	15	
„ irregular, ...	...	
„ above 13 years of age, ...	...	
„ sick, ...	...	
„ gone to Day-school, ...	...	
		15
Total, ...		50

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
5th December 1878.

D. MILLER,
Compulsory Officer.

**RETURN OF DEFAULTING PARENTS summoned before the
School Board on the 9th November 1878.**

To be—

Prosecuted.—15 Parents with 26 Children ; of whom there are
now regular at School 16—not sent to School 6—sick 2—
above 13 years of age 1—gone to Evening School 1. Total, . 26

Carry forward, 26

	Brought forward,	26
To be—		
<i>Prosecuted Conditionally.</i> —9 Parents with 13 Children ; of whom there are now regular at School 11—irregular 1—sick		
1. Total,	.	13
To be—		
<i>Delayed.</i> —14 Parents with 18 Children ; of whom there are now regular at School 5—not sent 4—gone to Evening School 3—sick 2—left town 1—gone to Industrial School 1—irregular at School 2. Total,		
	.	18
	TOTAL,	57
	D. MILLER,	
	Compulsory Officer.	

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
5th December 1878.

RETURN OF DEFAULTING PARENTS summoned before the
School Board on the 30th November 1878.

To be—		
<i>Prosecuted.</i> —14 Parents with 20 Children, of whom there are now regular at School 9 ; not sent to school 7—irregular at school 2—gone to Industrial School 1—sick 1.		
	Total,	20
To be—		
<i>Prosecuted Conditionally.</i> —5 Parents with 7 Children ; there are now regular at School 2—irregular 3—above 13 years of age 1—sick 1. Total,		
	.	7
To be—		
<i>Delayed.</i> —17 Parents with 22 children ; of whom there are now regular at school 11—not sent 4—above age 1—gone to Evening School 4—left town 1—waiting for Industrial School 1. Total,		
	.	22
	TOTAL,	49
	D. MILLER,	
	Compulsory Officer.	

9 SOUTH CASTLE STREET,
5th December 1878.

The Report was remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

The Returns of attendance for the month, of which the following is an abstract, were laid on the table :—

ABSTRACT RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at Public Schools; 9 Roman Catholic Schools; 7 Non-Board Schools; 19 Heriot Schools; and Evening Classes, for Four Weeks ending 29th November 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for Five Weeks ending 29th Nov. 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.	Juveniles.	Infants.	TOTAL.
I.—DAY SCHOOLS.												
14 Board Schools, . . .	6392	4023	10,415	5885	3628	9513	5068	2972	8040	86.11	81.91	84.51
9 Roman Catholic Schools, .	1539	1264	2,803	1196	757	1953	1039	554	1593	86.87	73.18	81.50
7 Non-Board Schools, . .	878	561	1,434	805	486	1291	699	385	1084	86.83	79.21	83.90
19 Heriot Schools, . . .	..	..	4,939	..	..	4727	..	..	4345	..	..	91.21
II.—EVENING CLASSES.												
BOARD SCHOOLS.												
6 for Young Men, . . .	..	..	610	..	..	416	..	..	296	..	..	71.15
2 for Young Women, . .	..	..	132	..	..	100	..	..	87	..	..	87.
15 Heriot Classes, . . .	..	..	..	..	..	1077	..	..	835	..	..	77.53

[The Returns are printed in full as Appendix.]

These Returns were remitted to the School Attendance Committee.

The Chairman reported that, in accordance with the authority given him by the Board on 10th July last, he instructed Mr. Robert Paterson, City Assessor, to attend on behalf of the Board the public roup of a piece of ground exposed by the Town-Council at Bellevue, Canonmills, and that Mr. Paterson had purchased the ground for the Board as a site for a new School in Canonmills district, at an annual Feu-duty of nine shillings per foot of frontage towards the main road, and six shillings per foot of frontage towards the new road to be formed.

The Clerk stated that the Board had formerly asked and obtained the sanction of the Board of Education to build a School in this district to accommodate 600 children.

The Board, in consideration of the rapid increase of population in this district, resolve to ask the sanction of the Scotch Education Department to build the School to accommodate 800 children.

The Board also instructed Mr. Wilson, architect, to prepare plans for the School; and Mr. David Philip, S.S.C., to communicate with the Town-Clerk regarding the titles to the ground.

The Clerk submitted the Deed charging the School Fund and the School Rates with the repayment to the Secretary of the Public Works Loan Commissioners of the sum of £6735, as well as further advances, not exceeding in all the sum of £15,735, together with interest thereon,

principal and interest to be paid in sixty equal half-yearly instalments at the rate of £2, 14s. 2d. per centum ; which Deed was duly signed, sealed, and attested in presence of the Board, and ordered to be transmitted to the Solicitor to the Commissioners.

The Clerk submitted a form of Certificate by the Board, authorising the Treasurer to receive the said sum of £6735 less charges of the Solicitor for the Commissioners, which Certificate was also signed, sealed, and attested in presence of the Board, and ordered to be transmitted to the Solicitor to the Commissioners.

The Clerk laid upon the table Circular 35, from the Scotch Education Department, regarding additional Grants offered under Sec. 67 of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1872. It was explained that these Grants could not be claimed by the Board.

The Clerk laid on the Table Form 77 T. and Circular 22 from the Scotch Education Department, regarding the Triennial Election of School Boards. The Form and Circular were remitted to the Law and Finance Committees jointly to consider and report.

The Clerk read letter from Councillor MacLachlan, dated December 4th, 1878, enclosing a resolution adopted at a public meeting of the inhabitants of Holyrood district, held in Holyrood Free Church on November 22d, 1878. Mr. Dickson moved and Mr. Clapperton seconded that the Board delay the closing of the School of Holyrood. Miss Stevenson moved and Dr. Harvey seconded that the Board adhere to the resolution formerly come to, to close the School upon the opening of North Canongate. For Mr. Dickson's motion there voted—Mr. Adamson, Mr. Clapperton, Mr. Dickson, and Mr. Williamson. For Miss Stevenson's motion there voted—Dr. Scott, Dr. Harvey, Sheriff Guthrie Smith, Miss Stevenson. There being an equal number of votes for each motion, Dr. Scott gave his casting-vote, in favour of Miss Stevenson's motion, which accordingly became the judgment of the Board. It was, however, afterwards agreed to hold a Special Meeting of the Board on Wednesday, the 18th, at 3 P.M., to reconsider the subject.

It was agreed that the New Year's Holidays be as follows, viz. :—High School, from Friday the 20th December 1878, till Monday the 6th January 1879, both days exclusive : Elementary Schools, as in former years, the whole week in which new year's day falls.

It was remitted to the School Attendance Committee to consider and report regarding the appointment of a suitable person to examine children under 13 years of age applying for admission to Evening Classes.

PRIVATE.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Wilson, Architect, had ascertained that the available ground in 84 West Port, together with the adjacent pro-

perty at the disposal of the Improvement Trust, does not much exceed 980 square yards. This being too small for a school site, the Board agreed to take no further steps with regard to this ground.

The Clerk also laid on the table a letter from Messrs. Kinnear and Peddie, Architects, valuing a piece of ground in Orchardfield Street, extending to 2000 square yards, or thereby, at £5400; and another piece of ground in the corner of Cambridge Street, extending to 1350 square yards, or thereby, at £4000 inclusive of Feu-duty.

The Clerk also laid on the table a letter from Messrs. Kinnear and Peddie, stating that Mr. Gowans, proprietor of the ground in Cambridge Street, would accept an offer of £5500 for the property, and a letter from Mr. White-Millar, S.S.C., enclosing a letter from Mr. Lawrie, the proprietor of the ground in Orchardfield Street, refusing an offer of £6000 for that property.

These two properties being the only sites in the district suitable for a School site known to the Board, it was remitted to the Chairman, with powers, to purchase the ground in the corner of Cambridge Street for a site for West Port School, at a price under £5500, as being the cheaper of the two.

Read letter from Mr. Andrew, Head-master of St. Leonard's Public School, calling attention to the fact that the grant earned by the Infant Department of the School was reduced by £21, 1s., in consequence of the defective accommodation, and that, accordingly, the surplus allocated to the staff of the School was from this cause £42, 2s. less than it would otherwise have been. It was agreed to make this sum good to the staff of the School, and accordingly it was resolved to allocate £42, 2s. among the staff.

Read letter from Miss Euphemia Alexander, Assistant in Dean School, asking for an increase of salary. The letter was remitted to the School Work Committee to consider and report.

Read letter from Jane Overend, resigning her appointment as pupil-teacher in New Street School. The Board agreed to accept the resignation of Miss Overend.

Read letter from Dr. Robertson, West Fountainbridge School, representing the fact that the Janitor of the School is without a place of shelter. The letter was remitted to the Committee on Buildings.

The Clerk reported that Miss Morison, mistress of the Infant Department of Dalry School, was laid aside from duty, and that Miss Jane Ritchie had been sent temporarily to supply her place. Approved.

The Clerk also reported that Miss Croall, one of the assistants in the same school, is off duty. It was remitted to the Clerk to make temporary provision to supply Miss Croall's place.

ARCHD. SCOTT,
Chairman.

APPENDIX No. I.
RETURN OF ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS for Four Weeks ending 29th November 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average Number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 29th Nov. 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Bristol, ...	722	392	1114	671	345	1016	588	299	887	87.6	86.6	87.3
Causewayside, ...	453	321	774	442	280	722	385	236	621	87.1	84.2	86.01
Dairy, ...	663	446	1109	627	419	1046	515	327	842	82.1	78.	80.49
Dean, ...	255	169	424	228	155	383	188	135	323	82.4	87.	84.33
Deanhaugh Street, ...	217	144	361	198	118	316	165	101	266	83.3	85.5	84.17
Holyrood, ...	210	267	477	184	250	434	153	189	342	83.1	75.6	78.8
Leith Walk, ...	900	414	1314	826	365	1191	702	293	995	84.9	80.2	83.54
New Street, ...	761	452	1213	705	413	1118	618	340	958	87.6	82.3	85.68
Roseburn, ...	"	82	82	"	78	78	"	64	64	"	82.05	82.05
St. Leonard's, ...	565	359	924	505	330	835	453	268	721	89.7	81.2	86.34
Stockbridge, ...	535	265	800	506	255	761	453	206	659	89.5	80.7	86.59
Victoria Terrace, ...	205	173	378	177	147	324	127	107	234	71.7	72.7	72.2
West Fountainbridge, ...	685	385	1070	647	354	1001	581	309	890	89.7	87.2	88.91
West Port, ...	221	164	375	169	119	288	140	98	238	82.8	82.3	82.63
TOTAL,	6392	4023	10415	5885	3628	9513	5068	2972	8040	86.11	81.91	84.51
Corresponding period last Year,	5880	3859	9739	5229	3367	8596	4483	2743	7226	85.73	81.46	84.06

APPENDIX No. II.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at Nine ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS for Four Weeks ending 29th November 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 29th Nov. 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
St. Mary's District—												
St. John's, York Lane, Girls, .	159	200	359	130	150	280	112	129	241	86.1	86	86.07
St. Andrew's, Maryfield, Boys, .	256	...	256	211	...	211	185	...	185	87.67	...	87.67
St. Patrick's District—												
St. Mary's, Lothian Street, Infants,	...	360	360	...	217	217	...	173	173	...	79.72	79.72
St. Ann's, Niddry Street, Girls, .	220	...	220	170	...	170	152	...	152	89.41	...	89.41
St. Patrick's, Cowgate, Boys, .	250	499	749	179	217	396	151	130	281	84.3	59.9	70.95
Sacred Heart District—	337	...	337	246	...	246	206	...	206	83.73	...	83.73
Glen Street, Lauriston, Boys, .	175	...	175	145	...	145	132	...	132	91.03	...	91.03
St. Mary's, Girls, .	142	...	142	115	...	115	101	...	101	87.82	...	87.82
St. Mary's, Infants, .	...	205	205	...	173	173	...	122	122	...	70.52	70.52
TOTAL,	1539	1264	2803	1196	757	1953	1039	554	1593	86.87	73.18	81.56
Corresponding period last Session,	1575	1104	2679	1253	782	2035	1039	530	1569	82.92	67.77	77.1

APPENDIX No. III.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE at NON-BOARD SCHOOLS for Four Weeks ending 29th November 1878.

SCHOOLS.	Enrolled since School opened in September last.			Average number on Roll for 4 Weeks ending 29th Nov. 1878.			Average Daily Attendance for same period.			Percentage present for same period.		
	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.	Juveniles.	Infants.	Total.
Trinity Episcopal, ...	150	246	396	144	236	380	125	180	305	86.8	76.2	80.26
Canongate Burgh, ...	133	158	291	121	136	257	105	121	226	86.7	88.9	87.93
St. Cuthbert's Christian Society, ...	126	...	126	118	...	118	102	...	102	86.44	...	86.44
Green-side—Girls, ...	83	...	83	78	...	78	77	...	77	98.71	...	98.71
Lady Glenorchy's, ...	96	...	96	85	...	85	74	...	74	87.05	...	87.05
Royal Blind Asylum, ...	232	157	389	209	114	323	165	84	250	79.4	73.6	77.39
	53	...	53	50	...	50	50	...	50	100	...	100
TOTAL,	873	561	1434	805	486	1291	699	385	1084	86.83	79.21	83.96
Corresponding period last Session } for eleven Schools, . . . }	1881	1489	3370	1648	1273	2921	1424	990	2414	86.4	77.76	82.64

APPENDIX No. IV.

MONTHLY RETURN of the number of Pupils on the Roll
and in Attendance at GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL
SCHOOLS on 20th November 1878.

SCHOOLS.	No. Fixed.	On the Roll.	Average Number Attending.		No. Left.	Per cent. Absent.	Schedules in hands of Teachers.
			Week Day.	Sunday.			
1. Heriot Bridge, . . .	318	297	251	...	4	8	8
2. Cowgate Port, . . .	330	314	291	...	8	7	7
3. High School Yards, . .	330	324	285	...	3	9	1
4. Old Assembly Close, . .	320	303	292	...	5	4	25
5. Borthwick Close, . . .	320	301	286	...	6	5	17
6. Brown Square, . . .	240	231	208	...	10	11	5
7. Rose Street, . . .	326	318	303	...	2	5	14
8. Broughton, . . .	250	247	215	...	7	8	...
9. Abbeyhill, . . .	320	297	272	...	3	7	3
10. Davie Street, . . .	320	298	278	...	2	4	...
11. Grindlay Street, . . .	290	277	272	...	15	4	7
12. Stockbridge, . . .	330	320	300	...	6	5	21
INFANT SCHOOLS—							
13. High School Yards, . .	185	200	177	...	23	6	11
14. Rose Street, . . .	170	165	156	...	5	5	4
15. Broughton, . . .	160	163	143	...	1	5	...
16. Victoria Street, . . .	180	169	158	...	22	11	17
17. Abbeyhill . . .	170	176	160	...	...	8	38
18. Davie Street, . . .	180	180	162	...	...	9	68
19. Stockbridge, . . .	200	147	136	...	7	11	27
	4939	4727	4545	...	129	8.79	273

APPENDIX No. V.

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE *at* PUBLIC EVENING CLASSES
for Four Weeks ending 28th November 1878.

	Enrolled since School opened in Sept. last.	Average No. on Roll for Four Weeks ending 28th November 1878.	Average Nightly Attendance for same period.	Percentage present for same period.
FOR YOUNG MEN.				
1. St. Leonard's, ...	79	65	41	63·07
2. New Street, ...	86	53	38	71·69
3. Leith Walk, ...	115	71	49	69·01
4. Stockbridge, ...	74	52	36	69·23
5. West Fountainbridge, ...	160	117	91	77·7
6. Dalry, ...	96	58	41	70·68
	610	416	296	71·15
FOR YOUNG WOMEN.				
1. Bristo, ...	107	82	76	92·68
2. Stockbridge, ...	25	18	11	61·1
	132	100	87	87·
TOTAL (Male and Female), . . .	742	516	385	74·61

APPENDIX No. VI.

MONTHLY RETURN of the number of Pupils on the Roll
and in Attendance at GEORGE HERIOT'S HOSPITAL
EVENING CLASSES on 20th November 1878.

Name of School and Subject of Instruction.	On the Roll	Average Number Attending.	No. Left.
SPECIAL CLASSES.			
FOR MALES.			
Brown Square—			
1. Arithmetic, ...	69	56	4
2. Mathematics, ...	12	9	5
3. English Grammar and Composition, . .	38	33	3
Broughton Street—			
4. Writing and Book-keeping, ...	61	50	...
5. Shorthand, ...	46	25	21
Rose Street—			
6. French, ...	62	46	...
7. German, ...	14	10	4
Victoria Street—			
8. Drawing, ...	49	42	5
9. Drawing, ...	44	37	7
FOR FEMALES.			
Broughton Street—			
10. Writing and Book-keeping, ...	44	39	3
ELEMENTARY CLASSES.			
FOR MALES.			
11. High School Yards, ...	139	101	23
12. Heriot Bridge, ...	104	81	18
13. Rose Street, ...	125	98	5
14. Davie Street, ...	167	110	3
FOR FEMALES.			
15. Cowgate Port, ...	103	98	24
	1077	835	125

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UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH,
11th June 1878.

TO THE EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I beg leave to report to you that, in compliance with your desire conveyed to me by your Clerk on March 16th last, I visited the Royal High School on Wednesday and Thursday last. On consulting with Dr. Donaldson, I did not think it advisable that the working order of the School should be in any way disturbed through my visit. It was accordingly arranged that the classes should proceed with their ordinary day's work, so as to afford me an opportunity—by spending an hour (or three-quarters of an hour, according to the time allowed for the respective subjects on the time-table) with each of the three upper classes for each of the four subjects (Classical and Modern Languages) assigned to me; and by following the course of instruction, and occasionally putting in a question myself—to form some idea of how and with what results the classes are being taught. This, I may be allowed to mention, is the usual way in which the German Public Schools are periodically inspected by Government Commissioners, and I think that for ordinary purposes—and especially if these visits can be arranged so as to take place unexpectedly, as is generally the case in Germany—it is in every way as satisfactory as, if not preferable to, set examinations, which are apt to involve a considerable loss of time.

I have much pleasure in stating that the results of my visits to the High School were highly gratifying to myself; and that I took away with me the impression that the classes are being taught in a thoroughly conscientious, intelligent, and efficient manner. As regards the discipline of the School, too, as far as I may judge from

the behaviour of the boys during the hours at which I attended the several classes, it is all that could be desired. I cannot but congratulate the High School on enjoying the advantage of so excellent a staff of teachers. I regret to learn that the School is about to be deprived of one of its principal masters ; but I hope that the School Board may succeed in securing the services of as able and energetic a teacher.

As I have no special suggestions to offer in reference to the teaching of the High School, with which I was completely satisfied, I do not think that there is any necessity of my entering any further into the subjects with which my visit was connected. I would rather take the liberty to submit a few remarks that occur to me, on a point which has probably engaged the attention of some members of the School Board before this, viz., the relation of the High School to the University. The question which presented itself to me, after going over the High School, was this : Is it not time that an attempt might be made to obtain from the University or Universities some kind of recognition for the High School standard of Education, which would enable a boy who has reached a certain point in the School to pass on to the University without having to undergo an Entrance Examination ? It is not merely in the interest of the Edinburgh High School that some such arrangement seems to me desirable ; but it is rather from a higher and more general point of view, viz., the promotion and improvement of Secondary Education in Scotland, in which I take a warm interest. That an arrangement of this kind would be directly beneficial to good schools like the High School, is evident enough ; but I think it would also supply a powerful and healthy stimulus to such schools all over the country as do not come up to the requisite standard. The German Real-Schulen (to which, I hope, the modern side of the High School will correspond some day) present a somewhat analogous case. These schools do not enjoy the privilege of their course of education and final examination being recognised as equivalent to the University Entrance Examination, unless they have attained a certain higher standard, fixed by law, in which case they are called First Class Real-Schools, and have the Academic Departments of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, and the Philology of Modern Languages open to them. Latterly an agitation has been going on to throw open to them

the Medical Faculty also, which can only be joined at present by those who have passed through the *whole* course of a Gymnasium or Classical School. Every now and then a school not yet enjoying this privilege will apply for it, and on giving proof of its efficiency, will be added to the list of First Class Real-Schools. I have no doubt that a similar spirit of emulation would at once spring up among secondary schools in Scotland, if certain of the best schools had privileges of this kind conceded to them by the Universities.

To have attended the greater part of the work of the Fifth Class of the High School is, I believe, considered sufficient to enable a boy to pass the Medical Preliminary Examination without any great difficulty. The period of the year at which this examination is at present held, must be extremely inconvenient to the School; and if it could be dispensed with in the case of boys who have passed through the Fifth Class, they would be all the better for being allowed quietly to work on to the end of the session.

As regards the Entrance Examination of the Faculty of Arts, there might be a little more difficulty, if a sufficiently high standard is to be maintained. In my opinion, another year added to the course of the Sixth Class of the High School would be of immense advantage to the School. The time at present allowed for it seems to me far too short. The regular course of the highest class of the German Gymnasium varies between two and three years: it was five semesters, or two years and a half, in the school at which I was educated; whilst the course of the second highest class was two years.

One more modification might perhaps be required in the present arrangements of the Royal High School and similar schools, before a connection of this kind between them and the Universities could be brought about, viz., that the classes should be kept rather more select with regard to the attainments of the boys, and that no boy should be promoted to a higher class unless he is really fit for it. I do not think that this rule is sufficiently insisted upon at present, and that the masters are always proof against the complaints of unreasonable parents, to the great injury both of the boys thus promoted to do work for which they are not yet fit, and of the rest of the class who are kept back by them. It is a characteristic difference that the question always asked in German schools is, "Who is to be promoted?" while in Scotch schools it is, "Who is

to be kept back?" In exceptional cases it may no doubt be desirable, either on account of age or for some other reason, that a boy should be promoted, although he may not be quite up to the mark; but these cases should be left entirely to the discretion of the Rector and the Masters concerned. I take the liberty most earnestly to urge upon the School Board the importance of the High School Masters being placed in a position so as to be *entirely* independent of the school-fees. The present system of the surplus fund being divided between the masters, so far from being an encouragement to them in the strict performance of their duty, seems to me a direct incentive for them to do anything rather than to lose a boy. I cannot but think that the masters themselves would heartily welcome a change which would place them in a less dependent and invidious position.

Trusting that you will kindly forgive my presumption in entering into subjects which may seem somewhat foreign to the commission with which you have been good enough to charge me, I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen, your faithful servant,

J. EGGELING.

II.—*Report on the Examination of the Royal High School in the Department of Arithmetic and Mathematics, by PROFESSOR KELLAND, Edinburgh.*

I BEG to report that I have examined the following classes in the Royal High School:—

1. Class V., Classical. 30 present.—Profession: Euclid, six books; Algebra, to Quadratics.

This class made a very satisfactory appearance. They were quite up to their profession. There was a good knowledge of Geometry, and a fair knowledge of Algebra throughout the entire class.

2. Class IV., Modern. 54 present.—Profession: Arithmetic, First Book of Euclid.

The Arithmetic was found in a satisfactory state—higher in profession and better in every way than I found it last year. I consider a good knowledge of Arithmetic the first thing in such a class as this, and I am happy to be able to report favourably of it. The Geometry is of minor importance here.

3. Class V., Modern. 21 present.

A very mixed class of boys destined for mercantile pursuits. All professed Arithmetic to a pretty advanced stage; and a few added more or less of Geometry.

It is exceedingly difficult to judge of the progress of such a class as this, where some are tolerably advanced, and others the contrary. It is sufficient to state that the boys displayed the qualities requisite for success—willingness and activity.

4. Class VI. 20 present.—Profession: Euclid, six Books; Elementary Algebra generally, and Trigonometry. Two of the boys have also added Analytical Geometry (the straight line and circle) and Geometric Conic Sections (the parabola).

The Examination commenced with Trigonometry, in which the entire class showed themselves to be thoroughly grounded. Their appearance in Geometry and Algebra was also perfectly satisfactory.

After the rest of the class had been dismissed, half-an-hour was devoted to the examination of the two who professed Analytical Geometry and Conic Sections. Their work was such as to merit warm commendation.

This class is a very satisfactory one, and I have great pleasure in recording the fact that a beginning has been made in attacking the advanced subjects—a very creditable beginning—which, I trust, may take root and expand into goodly proportions in future years.

It is the more satisfactory to state this, when I add that the Arithmetic has not suffered, but the contrary.

PHILIP KELLAND.

June 11, 1878.

III.—*Report of the Examination of the High School of Edinburgh in English Literature*, by PROFESSOR MASSON, *Edinburgh*.

As on last occasion, my examination of Dr. Ross's classes has this year taken the form of a day spent in the High School, for the purpose of hearing an ordinary lesson in each of those classes, observing the matter and methods in each, and judging of the

attainments of the pupils by their answers to the questions of the master or to questions put by myself.

The first class examined was the Sixth, or highest, on the Classical side. Sixteen boys were present; and the subject of the lesson was the Oldest English (Anglo-Saxon) Poetry, as represented chiefly by the *Beowulf* Epic and the Paraphrases of *Cædmon*. The lesson was of as high a kind as can now be reached in an English class in any school in Scotland; and the pupils seemed to have been awakened to a real interest in those earliest products of English literary genius, and to be very accurately informed as to their circumstances and characteristics. Questions put on the somewhat difficult subject of the peculiar mechanism of Anglo-Saxon verse were answered well and readily.

The classes next examined were the Fifth and Sixth on the Modern side. These were taken together, as very few boys remain in the Sixth Class on this side. Twenty boys in all were present. The lesson included (1.) the General History of Europe from 1648 to 1715, on the basis of Freeman's text-book, and (2.) the Geography of Ancient and Modern Greece, with historical accompaniments. The answering was satisfactory; and I noted, this year as last, that the teacher had not confined himself to the text-book, but had ranged from it, and supplemented it in various ways. Very useful notions seemed to have been acquired of the political and ecclesiastical state of Europe from 1648 to 1715, and especially of the relations of France under Louis XIV. to the United Provinces and to our own country.

In the Fifth Class on the Classical side thirty boys were present; and there was a conversational lesson on the parts of Spalding's History of English Literature which relate to English Translations of the Bible. A competent knowledge was shown of the dates, authorship, etc., of the various translations; and I could not doubt that this knowledge of a particular subject of English Literary History might be taken as a fair sample of the knowledge that was being acquired by the Class of English Literary History in general.

The last classes examined were the Fourth on the Modern side and the Fourth on the Classical side, being the two youngest under Dr. Ross's charge. They were examined separately, forty-five boys being present in the former, and forty-eight in the latter. The

larger size of these two classes, as compared with the preceding, permitted more visible signs of spirit and excitement during the lessons; and, as the boys in both are in the first stage of their instruction by Dr. Ross, the lessons in both were perhaps specially illustrative of his style of teaching.

In the Fourth Modern there were questions on the History of the Roman Empire from Claudius to Constantine, involving facts in the early history of the Christian Church, and the preparation for the division of the empire into the West and the East. In the answers to these questions I perceived the results of the same skilful mode of teaching History that I had observed in the Fifth and Sixth Modern; and I again noted how useful the kind of information so acquired might be to the boys in after-life. But I had the opportunity also of hearing the class engaged in an exercise of English parsing. I was particularly pleased with this exercise, illustrating as it did a carefully studied method of Dr. Ross's own for grounding his pupils in the essentials of the science of English grammar.

In the Fourth Classical there was a reading of the whole of Milton's *Il Penseroso*, followed by questions on the wording, the meaning, and the prosody. The lesson was exactly what such an English lesson should be, and proved the literary zest of the boys as well as their good training. In recollection of my report last year, I attended particularly in this class to the matter of reading aloud. With two exceptions, the boys called on to read passages of the poem read them tastefully, and with good accent and pronunciation; and the exceptions, I believe, were boys who had come recently to school, and brought a peculiar district-accent with them. These boys read intelligently, and, save for the accent, not badly.

Altogether, it is my duty to report that the English teaching in the High School of Edinburgh appears to me to be in a thoroughly sound condition, worthy of the School and of the reputation of Dr. Ross. I ought to add that I was struck with the good order and quietness in all the classes, and with the evident respect of all the boys for their master.

DAVID MASSON.

EDINBURGH: June 12, 1878.

IV.—*Report of the Examination of the High School of Edinburgh on the three Junior Classes, by*
JAMES DONALDSON, *Rector.*

HIGH SCHOOL, *July 9, 1878.*

IN accordance with the wish of the Board, I have examined all the pupils of the three junior classes, both by written papers and orally. The boys of these classes are at too early a stage to be able to express in writing fully and accurately what they know, and therefore, due allowance must be made for the results attained in the written examination. But when due allowance is made, one can form from written papers a very accurate idea of how the work of teaching is succeeding, and I feel that it is of great advantage that I should thus have come personally into contact with the mind of every boy in these classes.

The written examination consisted of dictation, questions in history and geography, and exercises in Latin, French, and arithmetic.

The First and Second Classes had two passages dictated to them, one from their Dictation Book and one from the Reading Book. Both classes did the passage from the Dictation Book remarkably well. In the Second Class more than the half had no mistake. The passages from the Reading Book were more difficult, and there were fewer entirely correct. But the average of good exercises was high, and there were few absolute failures. The Third Class wrote a piece of English taken from a newspaper. The result was on the whole very satisfactory. There was only one boy who signally failed. All the rest did at least tolerably well, and a considerable number were correct.

The boys of the three classes also wrote for me in the class-room short essays. Throughout all the classes the composition was good. The laws of grammar were observed, and the spelling was accurate. But as might be expected, there was often a great lack of ideas, and many of the essays were too short.

In history and geography the questions for the First and Second Classes were taken entirely from the text-books. Some boys did remarkably well, but the average here is not so high as could be wished. I have strongly urged the teachers to devote themselves

to reading all the best books on the history and geography of the countries which come within the range of their teaching, and thus acquire the power of illustrating their subjects by interesting description and pointed anecdote. It is only when the teacher of history makes his lesson a living reproduction of the past that it can be useful even to the youngest. And the same is the case with geography. The pupil should feel that he is personally travelling along with the teacher over the countries, the features and famous spots of which he is trying to master. I gave the Third Class a rather more general examination in English history, irrespective to some extent of the text-book, and putting such questions as "every schoolboy" ought to be able to answer. A considerable number showed great intelligence, but there were some who were ignorant of some of the most prominent events which have gone to mould the English nation.

The results of the examination of the three classes in Latin were satisfactory. It was very evident that the pupils were exceedingly well grounded in the grammatical forms. There was a considerable number that did not do so well in translation and composition. But this is with many a slow process, and can be surely tested only at the end of their course. A large number showed great accuracy and firmness in the use of the language.

The results in French were very good. Especially in the Second Class the average attained was high. The class had not gone over a wide field, but what they had done they had done well. In the Third Class the amount professed was much larger; there was greater variety of attainment, but the majority attained much more than half of the marks, and some were nearly perfect.

The First Class did remarkably well in arithmetic. This class has this year had two lessons a day in arithmetic, and evidently the progress has been great. The Second Class did not do so well, but the average was on the whole good. The same has to be said of the Third Class.

The examinations have disclosed a very considerable disparity of attainments in boys of the same class, and will form the basis of a more satisfactory classification next session.

The exercises were all written in Mr. Arnot's class-room, and the writing reflects the highest credit on the diligence and skill of the teacher.

The results of the oral examination were satisfactory. The boys did much better in history than they did on paper and proof was given that the teaching was energetic and effective. I am happy to have to report that in all the divisions of these three classes the order has been good, the discipline firm and the behaviour of the boys worthy of praise.

JAMES DONALDSON *Recd.*

EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD.

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EDINBURGH SCHOOL BOARD.

REPORTS by REV. JAMES CURRIE, Rector of the Church of Scotland Normal School, and by MAURICE PATERSON, Esq., Rector of the Free Church Normal School, on Religious Instruction in Edinburgh Board Schools.

I. REPORTS BY THE REV. MR. CURRIE.

I.—*Stockbridge School.*

The *Infant Department* in this school is very large, and works in three divisions. The *Senior Division*, numbering 140, professed for repetition the Ten Commandments, Psalm cxxvi., Paraphrase lviii., a hymn, and a selection of texts; whilst for Bible Knowledge it had gone over Genesis and the outlines of the Life of Christ. The repetition was distinct, accurate, and intelligent; it was, moreover, satisfactorily sustained by the class as a whole. The Bible Knowledge of the class, as tested by examination on the principal events in the life of our Lord, was likewise satisfactory. I heard the repetition of the *Junior Division*, in which there were over 90 present; the work was gone through with interest and vigour. The remaining division consisted of beginners.

The *Upper School* was presented for examination in five stages.

Classes V. VI. (Standards 1, 2), numbering between them 120, professed for repetition—(1.) the Ten Commandments and the Petitions; (2.) Psalms xxiii., cxxi., cxxx., and Paraphrases ii., iv., xi.; (3.) Matthew v. 1-12, and 1 Cor. xiii. From the size of this division it was found expedient to examine it in two parts; first the girls, then the boys. In both sections the repetition was performed with accuracy and with fair understanding of the sense;

the utterance of the boys, however, was too rapid. The Bible work of the two classes was an outline of Genesis, the History of Joseph, Israel in Egypt, and the Miracles of our Lord. The girls' section did excellent work. Their knowledge of the life of Joseph was minute and accurate; their answering prompt, distinct, and general. The 'Miracles' were not only professed but known; known not in name merely, but in detail. Over the whole exercise there were signs of careful and thorough work. In the boys' section, the best of the boys did as well as the girls, but the answering on the whole was not so keen or so general.

Class IV. (Standard 3), numbering 90, professed for repetition—(1.) Shorter Catechism, questions 45-81; (2.) Ps. xxiii, c., cxxi., cxxx., Par. ii, iv., xi.; (3.) Isaiah liii., and Luke i. 46-55. Over all the parts of this repetition the answering was most creditable; at once prompt, distinct, and intelligent. For Bible Knowledge the class had read the story of the Exodus to the settlement in Canaan, and St. Matthew's Gospel; of which I chose the latter as subject of examination. The class showed a very good acquaintance with it, not merely with those general facts in Christ's life which all classes are expected to know, but with our Lord's teaching. They gave a satisfactory account, for example, of the contents of the Sermon on the Mount, and of such Parables as I named. The work professed had evidently been thoroughly done.

Class III. (Standard 4), numbering 80, professed for repetition—(1.) Questions 39-81, and 100-107; (2.) Ps. xxiii, xxvii, c., cxxi., cxxx., and Par. ii, iv., xi., xxvii.; (3.) Isaiah xxxv. and John xv. As in the two previous sections, the repetition was well done, both in manner and in substance. In Scripture, the class had studied from the Old Testament Joshua and Judges, and from the New, the Parables in the first three Gospels, and the Sermon on the Mount. The examination was directed to both; first to the Sermon on the Mount, with the contents of which they showed themselves well acquainted; and, secondly, to the early part of Joshua's work and the period of Gideon, on both of which they answered satisfactorily.

Classes II. and I. (Standards 5 and 6), numbering 83, offered for repetition—(1.) Questions 1-38, and 82-107 (Standard 6 giving in addition proofs to 1-20); (2.) Ps. xxiii, xxviii, c., cxxi., cxxx., and Paraphrases ii, iv., xi., xxvii, liv., lxiii; (3.) Psalm ciii. (prose

version), and Romans viii. 28-39. Their appearance on that profession was satisfactory all over; the repetition was prompt and distinct, and their answers to my examination on the Catechism, questions 82-107, showed that they had done more than just commit the text to memory. Under the head of Scripture Knowledge, they had read from the Old Testament, Samuel I. II., and from the New, the Acts of the Apostles; and they had an opportunity of showing their acquaintance with both. Their teacher examined them on the reign of King Saul, and I was very much pleased both with the manner and with the results of his examination. I examined them myself on the first half of the Book of Acts, including the work of St. Peter, Stephen, Philip, and (so far) St. Paul; and the result satisfied me that they had gone over the ground carefully, and knew it well.

The time devoted to Religious Instruction throughout the school is, on the average, forty minutes a day. The instruction is given by the assistant teachers, under such supervision as the principal teacher thinks necessary. He, however, makes himself responsible for all. As the general result of my inspection, I am able to say that the school is in excellent order in all its parts; the teaching of the whole staff is clear, vigorous, and effective; and the results of the year's work entirely satisfactory.

II.—*Roseburn School (Infants).*

This school, transferred in the main to Dalry, remains open as an Infant School for the children who are unable to go so far as Dalry. There were 62 present on the morning of my visit.

The repetition offered embraced Psalms xxiii., c., Paraphrases lx., lxiii., lxiv., Bateman's Hymns, 13, 19, 61, 67, 82, 97, 178, and various texts of Scripture. A good deal of attention had been paid to the sense of the passages committed to memory. The style of repetition, however, admits of improvement in respect both of correctness and of self-reliance.

For Bible Knowledge, the class professed the stories of the Old Testament, to the end of the early life of Moses; and an outline of the life of Christ. The examination selected matter from both. The result was not more than fair. If more were habitually

as of all the other classes, has probably prevented the necessary revival of work.

Juvenile Department (continued), South Gray's Close Branch.—This branch of the school was taken for examination in two parts; the one being tested as to its memory-work, and the other as to its Scripture Knowledge.

Class 5² (lower) professed for Scripture Knowledge the same as Class 6, and for repetition texts from the book of Proverbs, Psalm lxxxiv., Paraphrases xli.-lii., and Shorter Catechism 1-38; and they justified their profession fairly well, especially considering the large number of new-comers in the class.

Classes 5, 4², and 4 (higher) made the same profession for repetition. From Scripture they had read the narrative of the Old Testament from the birth of Moses to the entrance into Canaan, and from the New Testament Matthew i., ii., with Luke i.-x. They were examined by their teacher over the whole field of their Old Testament profession, and showed a good general knowledge of it.

Senior Department.—There are four classes in this department.

Class 3, recently transferred from South Gray's Close, offered the same amount of repetition and Scripture knowledge as was professed in that school.

Class 2² offered for memory-work Shorter Catechism 1-81, Psalms xv., xl., Paraphrases xvi., xxx., and for Scripture Knowledge the books of Judges, Samuel, and St. Luke's Gospel, chaps. vii.-xxiv. Both classes were examined together, and in their repetition alone: they did their work correctly and with a very fair degree of intelligence. In each class the portions of the Catechism committed were given with readiness and accuracy, and questions of intelligence were answered by a large proportion of both classes with creditable promptitude.

Class 2 offered for repetition the whole of the Shorter Catechism, Psalms xlvi., ciii., and Paraphrases xix., xxv., xlix. I heard them repeat Psalm xlvi., which they did satisfactorily, and examined them on part of the Catechism, from question 82 onwards. Whilst their memory-work was accurate, their answers on the subject-matter of the questions showed careful work on the part of the teacher, and creditable intelligence on their own part. Their Scripture Knowledge included 2 Samuel, the Kings of Judah from 1 and 2 Kings, and Acts of the Apostles, chapters i.-xii. Selecting

their reading from the Acts for examination, I found them well acquainted with the narrative, and able to give an intelligent account of what is recorded of the work of St. Peter, Stephen, Philip, and the conversion of St. Paul. The class as a whole, moreover, took part in the work, showing that they had been instructed not only with care, but according to sound methods.

Class 1, the highest class of the school, offered for repetition the principal prophecies concerning Messiah, the Shorter Catechism (whole), Psalm cxlv., and Paraphrase xxvi. From an extensive list of the Prophecies they repeated a sufficient number to show how complete and careful their work had been; and they were at home in the Shorter Catechism. In Scripture they had studied the books of Kings and Chronicles, and the Missionary Travels of St. Paul. Their examination turned on their New Testament profession. Nothing could be more satisfactory than the appearance made by the class. On the part of the narrative chosen, the Apostle's first journey and one incident from the second, they sustained a close examination both on the history and the geography with entire success. Their answers, both on the facts and the meaning of the facts, were prompt and correct; and the spirit with which they were given showed a gratifying interest in their work.

In all the departments of this school the time allowed daily for Religious Instruction is 45 minutes.

Note.—At the time of my visit the classes of the school had all passed from the teachers who had taught them during the year, in consequence of the necessary re-arrangement which took place (one month later this year than usual) in the month of May, subsequent to the annual Government inspection. This fact, doubtless, placed them all at a certain disadvantage during the present examination.

IV.—*Bristo Street School.*

Infant Department.—This school has a very large Infant Department, which works in three divisions.

The *Junior* division (78 on roll) professed for memory-work the story of David, Psalm xxiii, a hymn, and a few texts. They

repeated correctly, and in an interesting way, their "story" of David, accompanied with suitable action, and Psalm xxiii. A few questions on the early life of Christ concluded their exercise. The division is very well conducted.

The *Middle* division (124) professed for repetition the same as the junior, with the addition of Paraphrase xxxvii. and the Ten Commandments. For Scripture Knowledge they had gone over the story of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph, with the early part of the life of Christ. The examination of this division was confined to repetition, in which they made an excellent appearance. Not only did they give off correctly and intelligently what they had to say, but they spoke clearly and slowly, so that it was easy to follow them. This division is very satisfactorily worked.

The *Senior* division (67) had prepared for repetition a selection of texts, the Commandments, and the 37th Paraphrase. For Bible Knowledge, they had read from the beginning of Genesis to the death of Abraham, and had gone over the life of Christ in outline, with a few of the Miracles and Parables. The subject of examination was the early part of the ministry of Jesus and the Parable of the good Samaritan. The class showed a good knowledge of the subject, and answered with interest and promptitude. For repetition, one or two of their hymns, and Paraphrase xxxvii., were taken.

I was very much pleased with the entire appearance of the department; it is both excellently accommodated and efficiently instructed.

Intermediate Department.—This department, though consisting of children in Standard I., occupies an exceptional position. It consists largely of neglected children, who have had little or no schooling before, and who are more or less irregular even now. For repetition they gave, partly individually and partly simultaneously, some Scripture texts; and in Scripture they had gone over, in the Old Testament, as far as the story of Noah, and in the New, the birth and early life of Christ. The children made an appearance very creditable to their circumstances, showing that the teacher had done her work conscientiously and efficiently. There is perhaps too much use of simultaneous answering; for the rest, the teaching is earnest, intelligent, and pleasant. The good effect of the whole instruction and discipline upon the children is unmistakable.

Juvenile Department.—STANDARD I. contains 136 children. For repetition they professed Matthew v. 1-12, vi. 9-12, and Psalm 1, 19, 23, Shorter Catechism, 1-20; and they were examined on the several parts of this profession. They gave off the passages with creditable correctness and with good intelligence. From their profession of Scripture, which comprised the lives of the Patriarchs down to Abraham, and St. Matthew i.-viii., the 8th chapter of the Gospel was chosen; and on it they made a good appearance. The teaching is intelligent and interesting.

STANDARD II. (158) was not examined in favourable circumstances. There had been frequent changes of teachers during the session, and the present teacher has been connected with the school only for a week. They professed for repetition substantially the same as the previous Standard, with an extension of the Shorter Catechism to Question 38; and they did fairly on their profession. From the Old Testament they had read the narratives of Joseph, Moses, and Joshua; and from the New, Matthew i.-xii.; they had evidently gone over the ground professed; but the want of recent revisal was apparent, the answering not being quite so distinct and general as one would wish to see. Their present teacher is vigorous and careful, and will doubtless soon produce an effect on the class.

STANDARD III. (158) was likewise examined in not very favourable circumstances. It works habitually in two sections under an assistant and pupil-teacher, which were combined for the purpose of this examination. It occupied, moreover, a place in the large hall, the two sections sitting face to face on opposite sides of the room. The assistant-teacher had thus a somewhat difficult task to show their knowledge. For *repetition* they professed Luke ii. 46-55 and 68-79, Psalm 1, 19, 23, 25, 32, and Shorter Catechism, 1-45. There were signs of good drill in the way in which they offered their answers; but the answers themselves were occasionally too hesitating and feeble in tone. They appeared to most advantage in repeating from the Shorter Catechism. In Scripture they professed the life of Samuel and (so far) of Saul, and in the New Testament, Matthew i.-xiv.; their examination turned on their Old Testament profession. They showed a very fair general knowledge of the subject, though it was not equal over the class. The teacher appears to bring to his work much vigour and in-

telligence; which will doubtless produce their natural effect when he has been longer in his post. I should add that the profession of the Standard is barely sufficient.

STANDARDS IV., V., VI. professed substantially the same work, and were grouped together for examination. For repetition they had learned John xv. 1-15, Proverbs i, ii, Isaiah liii, the Shorter Catechism entire, and Psalms 1, 19, 23, 25, 32, 51; the two higher Standards, in addition, the principal Messianic prophecies, and proofs of Shorter Catechism 1-28. I heard them repeat the passage from St. John's Gospel, and Isaiah liii, which they did very well. They were examined likewise in the Shorter Catechism, question 82 and onwards, with a view to both memory and intelligence; this part of their work they had apparently not revised of late, so that their answering was not so general or so ready as it might have been. From Scripture they had studied 1 Samuel i-xii, and Acts i-xii; which I should say is hardly a sufficient profession. The unusual grouping of three Standards must tend to prevent the highest from advancing so far as it might do. I should have been glad to have seen Standard VI., at any rate, profess the whole of the book of Acts, but they certainly made an excellent appearance on the part of their profession on which they were examined, viz., the early chapters; they had evidently gone into the text with great minuteness, and were able to give a prompt and good account of all the points to which their attention was directed. The interest they took in their work, moreover, left nothing to be desired.

The time devoted to Religious Instruction is 30 minutes daily in the Infant Department, and 55 minutes daily in the Juvenile School.

It is not to be overlooked, in estimating the work of the current session, that the school is a very large one, and that this is the first year of its existence. The work of the headmaster and of all his assistants must have been arduous. The results have, on the whole, appeared to me to be very good. And if in any part of the school there be as yet some weakness in the working arrangements, it need not be doubted that the zeal and efficiency which are apparent in its whole management will speedily make good the defect.

Leith Walk Public School.

Infant Department.—This department has 325 children in average attendance at the present time, and forms fully one-third part of the entire school. It is working in four divisions.

The *Lowest* division, with 80 children, need only be mentioned, as it is not yet up to the level of a formal examination. Its pupils are just beginning their school course, none of them having an attendance of more than three months to show. I heard them repeat a few of their texts and a Psalm.

The *Junior* division, with 100 pupils, professed for repetition, Psalm xxiii., a hymn, and a selection of texts, on which they made a good appearance. Their utterance was accurate and distinct; and their attention and drill quite satisfactory. The class is in excellent order. For Bible Knowledge they professed a selection of Bible stories from both the Old and the New Testaments; but time did not admit of my examining them on these.

The *Senior* division made a similar profession to the above, with an additional hymn and texts. They were examined on the stories of Jacob and Joseph by their teacher, and showed a very good knowledge of the subject. They are taught carefully and efficiently; their attention and interest being well maintained on the whole.

STANDARD I. in this department numbers 80 pupils. For repetition they offered Psalm xxiii. and c., one hymn, the Ten Commandments, and Scripture texts; for Scripture Knowledge, stories from the Old Testament down to the taking of Jericho by the Israelites, and from the New Testament the birth and early life of Christ, with the Miracles recorded in the first eight chapters of St. Mark. As a specimen of the former, they repeated Psalm c. correctly and intelligently, whilst in examination on the life of Moses they showed that they had gone over the ground carefully and well. Their teacher conducts their instruction with clearness and animation. It would improve the appearance of the work done, both by this and by the Senior division, were their teachers habitually to require from them that *all* who can answer the questions put to them should indicate the fact in the ordinary way by pointing with their hands.

The principal teacher of the department personally conducts the instruction of the Junior Division, with the view of getting it at an early period into proper shape. To the two higher divisions the assistant teachers are specially attached, but she verifies their work by frequent interchanges. This is a very good arrangement.

Juvenile Department.—STANDARD I. has 100 pupils in average attendance. Its profession was, for repetition, Ps. i, xxiii, Par. ii, xi, and the Commandments; for Scripture Knowledge, the biographies in Genesis, and an outline of the life of Christ. They gave their repetition correctly and intelligently, but the answering of the class was partial and in much too low a tone. They were examined by their teacher on the early life of Christ in an active, careful, and intelligent way, and they did fairly well; though I have again to note that the answering was not sufficiently distributed over the class. With a different arrangement of the class, had the room rendered that possible, they would in all probability have done fuller justice to the instruction they had received. A considerable number in this standard were new-comers.

STANDARD II. is a very large one, numbering 200 in average attendance, and working in four sections. The *two lower* of these were grouped, and examined (as representing the whole standard) in their memory-work. This consisted of Ps. ii, viii, Par. iii, xv, Matt. v., 1-12, and the Shorter Catechism 1-19. The exercise was performed with fair success, except in one respect, that they speak too low. This group is instructed immediately by two pupil-teachers, but under superintendence of the principal assistant-teacher. Its drill appeared to be hardly firm enough.

The *two upper* divisions, under an ex-pupil-teacher and a monitor (female) respectively, were examined together in their Scripture Knowledge, as representing the entire standard. They professed the life of Moses and the Miracles of Christ; and they showed a good knowledge of that part of their profession on which they were examined, the life of Moses. The ex-pupil-teacher carried them through their exercise, perhaps in too simultaneous a style still with decency and distinctness. The division under the monitor happened to consist of new-comers, so that they could hardly be considered as legitimate subjects for examination. They read repetition of some texts and a paraphrase, in which some of

them did creditably well. They want drill of course, and specially in speaking out.

On the whole, I should say that in the working of this standard there is still something to be desired.

STANDARD III., in number 115, and working in two divisions, was examined as one class, in the very large room of the school. For memory-work they offered Ps. 24, 63, 116; Par. 37, 39, 40; Shorter Catechism, 20-38; Isaiah liii.; and Luke i. 46-55. Judged by the specimens I heard, viz., Ps. 24, Par. 40, and the passage from the Gospel, this part of their work had received adequate attention, the repetition being correct, and the enunciation distinct. Their intelligence too had been amply exercised on the several passages committed. I was well satisfied with their answering on the Catechism. For Scripture Knowledge they professed, in the Old Testament, the books of Joshua and Judges, and in the New, the Gospel of St. Luke. Their knowledge of the latter was shown so far by the examination to which they were subjected on the Paraphrase they recited by the principal assistant-teacher. Their knowledge of the Book of Joshua was tested by the junior assistant-teacher, and in a supplementary way by myself. Answers were forthcoming from all parts of the class; but it was perhaps inevitable, in the circumstances in which the class was accommodated, that the bulk of the answering should be done by particular pupils. I understand their instruction is ordinarily given in the hall in which they were examined. If the work of examination is difficult in so large a room, much more must the work of teaching be. One need not be surprised to find general impressions rather than accurate knowledge in a class so located. It was to the credit of both teachers and class that they made so good an appearance as they did. Great labour must have been bestowed on the work of instruction.

STANDARD IV., containing 86 in average attendance, and presented in a room not yet sufficiently fitted up for teaching purposes, made an ample profession for repetition, viz., Ps. 24, 63, 116, 145; Par. 26, 33, 34, 35; Shorter Catechism, 39-82 and 100-107; Proverbs i. and John iii. 14-21; and also in Scripture Knowledge, viz., the story of Ruth, the lives of Samuel and David, and the Gospel of St. Matthew. The former part of their exercise hardly showed sufficient thoroughness in committal; the pupils requiring

more suggestion as they passed from verse to verse than is fairly admissible. This applies to their rendering of the answers in the Shorter Catechism as well; which they could give with confidence only when taken in a certain order. But their answering on the scope and phraseology of the Ten Commandments was good, showing that their intelligence had been exercised to good purpose on this part of their work. As a test of their Scripture Knowledge they were examined on St. Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount and the Miracles being selected. They could name a number of the Miracles, and the teacher questioned them well on one (the cleansing of the leper, Matt. viii.); but their knowledge on the whole could scarcely be considered as up to their profession. The teacher's style is clear and distinct, and seemed to keep up for the time the attention of the class; which, however, will require a stronger discipline.

STANDARDS V. AND VI., comprising 63 pupils, are taught and were examined together, the head-master making himself immediately responsible for them. Their profession for repetition was ample, including Ps. 24, 63, 116, 145, 147; Par 51, 53, 58, 63, 65; Shorter Catechism, 82-107, Proofs 1-20 (St. V.); 1-107 with Proofs 21-38 (St. VI.); Proverbs i., iii., John xvii., and Hebrews i., iv. I was able to hear as a specimen Ps. 63, Par. 53, and a selection from Proverbs, which they recited fluently and well. Their appearance on the Catechism (Ques. 82-107) was good, both words and sense being well given, by some pupils particularly. For Scripture Knowledge they had studied Genesis and the "Life of Christ harmonised from the Gospels." This might be thought at first sight not to be quite an adequate profession in the sense of not being sufficiently in advance of the profession of previous standards. For all the early standards study Genesis, and Standards III. and IV. had studied respectively the Gospel of St. Luke and the Gospel of St. Matthew. With regard to Genesis it was explained (1.) that the standards in question had read the later portion of Old Testament History (which one would naturally expect to find them professing) last year, and (2.) that the book of Genesis was studied, not as the younger pupils study it, but in a manner suited to the capacity of an advanced class. With regard to the "Life of Christ," whether this was an adequate profession would depend entirely on the way in which it had been taught. Sometimes the

profession of the "Life of Christ" is not justified by any body of knowledge evinced by the class making the profession. It was explained that in this case the class had been taught that life systematically in the various stages of it, and with reference to its chronology. I resolved, accordingly, to test the whole profession of the standards by the appearance they made on this part of their Scripture reading, and with this view devoted more than the usual proportion of time to it. For fully half-an-hour the teacher questioned the class, beginning with the early life of Jesus, passing on to his public ministry, and (at my suggestion) concluding with the events of the week immediately preceding his resurrection. The result was very satisfactory; the class showing to the full such a knowledge of the subject as such a class might reasonably be expected to possess. They answered, moreover, in a style which showed not merely knowledge but familiarity and interest. After what I heard I did not think it necessary to examine them on Genesis, being satisfied that their profession of Scripture Knowledge was sound and substantial.

The time devoted to Religious Instruction is, in the Infant Department, 30 minutes four times a week; in the Juvenile School, 45 minutes daily.

Causewayside School.

Infant Department.—This department works, and was presented for examination, in two divisions; the *Infant*, strictly so called, numbering 86 present, and *Standard I.* numbering 82.

The *former*, containing as it did many pupils under three months' standing, I examined in memory-work alone. They recited, both simultaneously and individually, Ps. cxxi., Par. ii., and a selection of texts, correctly, distinctly, and with a very fair measure of intelligence. The teacher's style of dealing with the children is clear and effective.

The *latter* made an ample profession of memory-work, viz.:—Ps. cv., two hymns, a selection of texts, Shorter Catechism, 1-15, and 39-44, and the Ten Commandments. They repeated one of their hymns and their texts, together with the Commandments,

correctly and distinctly, and they answered satisfactorily on the sense. For Scripture Knowledge they had gone over the narratives of Joseph, Moses, and the wanderings of the Israelites in the Old Testament, and the early life of Christ from the New. They were examined on the former part of their profession, and showed a very good acquaintance with the subject.

I was much pleased with the appearance and deportment of the entire department.

Juvenile Department.—STANDARD I., 53 present, is taught by a pupil-teacher under the immediate supervision of the principal assistant (female). Its profession of Ps. 98, 121, 133, and the Ten Commandments, though not large, was repeated in a satisfactory way both as to sense and form. For Scripture Knowledge it had gone over the life of Moses to the giving of the Law, and the early life of Christ. It sustained a very creditable examination on the former.

STANDARD II., under a female assistant, offered for repetition Ps. 8, 84, 121, 133, and Shorter Catechism 1-20, and made a very good appearance indeed on this part of its work. It repeated Ps. 8, 121, correctly and intelligently, and in respect of its profession from the Catechism, showed both familiarity with the words and a good understanding of the sense. For Scripture Knowledge it had read 1 Samuel, and the life of Christ (including six of His Miracles) from St. Matthew's Gospel. Its examination turned upon the Life of Christ; upon which, onwards from His baptism, they were questioned at some length, and with a reasonable amount of detail, and with which the bulk of the class showed themselves to be well acquainted. A few questions I put on their Old Testament profession led me to believe they would have appeared to equal advantage upon it. Their work had evidently been done carefully and well.

A younger section of this standard, which was immediately in charge of a pupil-teacher, repeated Ps. 8, 121, 133, with the Commandments, in too low a tone perhaps, but well as to correctness.

STANDARD III. had 86 present. Its profession in memory-work was ample, comprising Ps. 84, 93, 98, 121, 133. Isa. liii., Shorter Catechism, 1-28, and the Ten Commandments. It performed its exercise with satisfactory correctness: in particular,

the promptness and intelligence with which it answered under examination on the Catechism evidenced very careful and effective work. From its Scripture Knowledge, 1 Samuel, with the early life of Christ (including his Miracles and four Parables), the latter subject was chosen for examination. The Miracles were named, and some of them gone into in detail; of the Parables professed, both the story and the moral were well known, and freely answered on by the class as a whole. The standard is under efficient drill instruction, and appeared to me to be in excellent working order.

STANDARD IV. had likewise paid much attention to memory-work. It professed Ps. 46, 72, 84, 90, 93, 142; Isa. xl. 1-12 and 28-31; Shorter Catechism, 1-40 and 82-107, and the Ten Commandments. From this profession it repeated Ps. 46, 93, Isa. xl., and Shorter Catechism, 82-107, correctly, though the answers upon the sense were not altogether successful. For Scripture Knowledge the standard had read 1 and 2 Samuel, and St. Mark's Gospel. Examined mainly in Old Testament history, it showed a good acquaintance with the narratives of Saul, David, and Solomon. Questions were also put on the Parables in the Gospel. The disciplining of the standard is perhaps not sufficiently strong, but it was apparent that the work had been gone over with all conscientiousness and care.

STANDARDS V. and VI., 31 and 27 present respectively, were examined together. They professed for repetition eight Psalms, so far, but not entirely, the same; those of Standard V. being Ps. 43, 46, 63, 67, 90, 119 (1-24), and 121; those of Standard VI. being Ps. 43, 63, 65, 67, 93, 98, 121, 133. In addition they had committed to memory a selection from Proverbs, and the Shorter Catechism (entire). Their performance was fair. The parts selected for recital were Ps. 63 and 93, with Shorter Catechism, 82-107. Some did very well; but the answering was not general enough over the class. For Scripture Knowledge, the Standards had read 1 and 2 Kings and St. Mark's Gospel. It should be mentioned that the instruction is conducted by two advanced pupil-teachers, one of whom is responsible for the Old Testament work, the other for the New. It thus became necessary to examine the class in both parts of their profession. From the Old Testament the story of Elijah was chosen. The examination was certainly conducted with great vigour by the pupil-teacher into

whose hands it fell; and with the result of showing that a certain proportion of the class had a good knowledge of the facts of the narrative. The life of Christ, examined on by the other pupil-teacher, appeared to have been gone over with much care. The opinion to which I was led, both by her examination, and by my own on the concluding week of our Lord's life, is the same as I have just expressed on the former part of their work, viz. :—that some of the pupils did very well indeed, but that it would be desirable to see the knowledge more widely distributed, and a more general alacrity of response to the questions put. The pupil-teachers are, of course, not left to themselves in giving the instruction : they act under the immediate direction and supervision of the Head-master. They do their share of the work with very creditable care and activity : nevertheless, the knowledge possessed by the class would probably be improved in respect both of quality and of distribution, if the head-master's many engagements permitted him to take a more considerable personal share in the instruction of the standards.

Note. The time devoted to Religious Instruction is in all the classes one hour daily, subject to the deduction of ten minutes for morning business.

The same sort of allowance falls to be made in this school as in the case of New Street. The same possessions and performances are doubtless affected by the fact that the pupils had all been transferred from a lower to a higher standard in the beginning of March in this year.

General Remarks

I am glad to have had the opportunity of inspecting this year's services in the Standard School, and to have been under my obligations to the various persons connected with it. It has become possible to give a more complete account of Religious Instruction given in the schools than is usual in these reports.

The services in the Standard School are in the case of Infant Schools in London, in my judgment, the best in the country. It is our duty to take account of the services in the Standard School, and I think not enough.

In the **Juvenile Schools** the average time is about 45 minutes daily : an adequate allowance.

The amount of Scripture Knowledge professed by the several classes of the schools is, on the whole, quite satisfactory. In one or two cases, noticed in the special reports, it has been scarcely sufficient; but these are mostly in new or very large schools, in which, probably, the arrangements for the working of all the classes have not yet been fully matured. Occasionally the profession is somewhat vague. It is not always easy to say, for example, what may be meant by the "Life of Christ." Some schools guard against this by specifying the number of chapters in one of the Gospels, which indicate the ground that has been gone over; a course which seems deserving of adoption in all departments above the Infant School. Once or twice in previous reports, I have had to notice that the choice of subject-matter for class-study was not entirely judicious. Not a single case of the kind has met me this year. It would seem as if the course of instruction were becoming more thoroughly ordered and consolidated, and were more distinctly aiming at covering, in a systematic way, the whole ground which it is practicable to traverse in the Public School curriculum.

There is, as it has seemed to me, a great difference visible between the way in which the memory-work is conducted in the schools as a whole now, and that which largely prevailed two years ago. The improvement, both in substance and in style, is very marked. Not only is the repetition shared in more largely by the pupils of the classes, but it is performed altogether in a better style. It is more correct, more fluent, more self-reliant, more distinct, and to the pupils themselves more interesting. In short, they can now do their repetition much better, and therefore they like better to do it. The one or two exceptions I have pointed out in my Report only serve to show the rule. I have to add that in (I believe) every case a reasonable attempt is made to evoke the intelligence of the children in connection with this exercise, and in the majority of cases with gratifying success. I refer, in these remarks, to all the several parts of their repetition, the Shorter Catechism specially included.

It is now the rule to have the religious instruction of the classes conducted by the principal teachers and the assistant-teachers. Sometimes sections of classes are entrusted to pupil-teachers acting

under the immediate supervision of the teachers of the classes, and in the general case this supervision is effective. Once or twice I have found classes working under pupil-teachers where the supervision did not seem to be substantial enough, and where, accordingly, there was shortcoming of one sort or other. I think that in each case of the kind the weakness was felt by the Headmaster, and some improvement in the arrangements contemplated. On a point to which, in previous Reports, attention has been sufficiently called, both by my colleague in inspection and myself, I shall only here remark that I do not think that a pupil-teacher, young or old, should in any case be entrusted with the religious instruction of a class, except under a supervision at once systematic and searching.

With regard to the style in which the children give their answers, I am glad to be able to say that the schools I have just visited are entirely free from the vicious habit of simultaneous answering on which I animadverted in previous Reports. Perhaps I should rather say almost entirely, for in one or two cases I found classes restraining themselves under difficulties. If the habit of a class is to answer in this way from day to day, not the strongest pressure put on them by the teacher will prevent it from showing itself on a day of examination. But it seems now to be generally understood, even in infant classes, that the mode of questioning, which is at once most stimulating and most profitable to a class, is that which encourages all the children to make offers of answer, but takes the answer itself from one only. Simultaneous repetition of passages committed to memory may be usefully employed, both by teacher and examiner, in classes up to a certain age. I have heard some very good specimens of it, in which pains had evidently been taken to cultivate softness and variety of tone. Simultaneous answering of general questions stands on quite a different footing.

I have found, in the case of two schools, the present season of the year to be not the most advantageous that could be selected for examination. In one the Government examination, and consequent transition from one year's work to another, had taken place within six weeks, in another within three months, of the date of my visit. This fact does not prevent an inspector from forming a fair opinion of the character of the religious instruction that has been given during the past year; still, if it were found practicable, it

would obviously be better that this part of the school-work should be examined before the re-arrangement of standards for another year had taken place.

It is impossible for any one to visit with care such schools as I have visited,—schools so numerous attended, and reaching in some cases so far down into the lower strata of the population of the city, without reflecting—Where were all these children before the day of Public Schools? Many of them doubtless were at school, and under efficient instruction; but of a large proportion of them it is to be feared that no such satisfactory account could be given. One may now at any time see large masses of children, admirably accommodated and highly organised, performing their daily work under circumstances the most favourable for acquiring right tastes and habits, as well as sound instruction. It is not to be doubted that the heads of the several schools devote themselves to their duties with a strong sense of responsibility, and with the most praiseworthy earnestness and skill; and that in so doing they loyally and efficiently carry out the intentions of the Board. It is a great work that is going on; somewhat arduous indeed, either to perform or to inspect, but very pleasant to witness, both in its methods and in its results.

I have to add that in this, as in former years, all possible facilities have been afforded me, by principal and assistant teachers alike, in carrying out my inspection on behalf of the Board. Nothing indeed could exceed the courtesy with which I have been everywhere received.

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July 18, 1878.

General Report of Examination of Eight Schools under the Edinburgh School Board in Religious Knowledge, conducted by M. PATERSON, Rector, Free Church Training College, Moray House.—July 1878.

THE eight schools on which I have this year the honour to report are, with one exception, different from those on which I have reported on two previous occasions. Three of them are housed in their new buildings, and have all the advantages which ample accommodation and the convenient arrangements made by the Board for the isolation of classes can afford. Four of the schools were visited in June, the others in July. The examination occupied fully four hours in most of the schools; in one it was overtaken in three and a half hours, in one it extended to about four hours and a half. The aggregate number found in attendance on the days of examination was 3766. My method of examination did not materially differ from that adopted on former occasions. In almost every case the teacher of the class taught or examined for a few minutes in my presence, but the opinion I have expressed on its proficiency is based almost exclusively on what was elicited by my own examination. I am strongly of opinion that the success of an examination of this kind, for the purpose for which it is undertaken, is in proportion as it more nearly approaches being an individual examination. If either teacher or examiner, in selecting pupils to answer his questions, confine himself to those who indicate their readiness to do so, the impression of the proficiency of a class is likely to be a very erroneous one. More than once I felt myself almost baffled in conducting the examination by the irrepressible forwardness of a few to answer, whether *they* were asked or not. When these were silenced, it became only too apparent that *they* had been doing the work of all, the teacher, I fear, meantime cherishing the delusion that the whole class was in a lively and interested state.

I. *The Time devoted to Religious Instruction.*—The amount of time devoted to the subject, as shown in the accompanying Schedule, is more uniform than hitherto in the various schools, and in several of them has, I believe, been increased. Less than forty

minutes, when opening exercises are deducted, is, I am still of opinion, insufficient if justice is to be done to all the interests concerned. Had the Bible lesson no other object than that of imparting to the pupils so much Sacred History, probably less time would suffice, but it is at the Bible hour that, if it is to be done at all, the children's sympathies are to be enlisted in favour of the right and good, sound views of duty are to be formed, and motives brought into play that shall lead to its performance, and for purposes like these, taken along with the other, forty minutes are barely sufficient. Time well laid out with these objects in view is not lost even for the secular subjects. The advantage of any impression successfully made is reaped at once by the teacher in all the departments of school life.

II. *The Course of Study.*—In regard to the Infant Department, I have no remark to make further than to express the opinion that the addition of "Bible Narratives" to "Creation, Fall, Flood," as the Infant School course, is a decided improvement; it is a *necessity* for the sake of those children who may remain more than one year in the Infant School.

Standards I. to VI. Here several points call for remark. 1. In regard to the amount of Catechism studied, great diversity appears to obtain in the schools, which must be had regard to in judging of the success with which the other work is done. In two schools, for example, no Catechism at all is given to Standards I. and II.; in another, none is given to Standard I., and only the Commandments to Standard II., whilst in still another, the Commandments, but nothing more, are given to Standards I. and II., other schools at the same stage profess 30 questions. Again in four schools the whole Catechism is professed by the pupils of Standard IV., whilst in others, not, so far as I am able to see, differing from them in the kind of children in attendance, not more than a third or a half is professed. While examining, I felt strongly that, in judging of the position of a school, regard should be had to this diversity, and I regret that, from oversight, I have not always had it before my mind in drawing out the detailed reports.

2. I regard it as a defect that, in looking over the appended Schedule II., there is not more apparent, in all of the schools, a *course* of Old Testament instruction over which a scholar is carried

in passing from standard to standard. So long as the same subject is professed at different parts of the child's career, unless merely in the way of revisal, any judgment on his acquirements during the year at the close of which he is examined is apt to be fallacious. In other aspects I regard this matter as one of prime importance. With their admirably equipped Infant Schools, where the outlines of Bible story are frequently very successfully given, there ought to be more of a steady growth and progress in Bible Knowledge through the various standards than is often found. In each of my three years of inspection, I have been struck with the fact that, in some of the schools, anything corresponding to the good work done in the Infant Classes is only again found when the IV., V., and VI. Standards are reached. No doubt this is partly due to the superior teaching power which the Infants and higher standards usually command. I am of opinion, however, that it is also due, in part at least, to the want of a well-defined progressive course of instruction which shall make it impossible for the children to be treated, at the time for Bible Instruction, to precisely the same incidents in several successive years. Sometimes the early life of Moses has come up before me twice and even three times in one day at different stages in the same school, and with scarcely any difference as regards the mode of treatment.

3. In New Testament History the course of study is perhaps more satisfactory, although the want of an apparent progress may still be observed.

4. In regard to Memory-work, both the portions selected and the amount appear to be on the whole satisfactory. The 23d Psalm and 2d Paraphrase, I regard as only revisal work after the 1st Standard.

III. *Results of the Examination.*—At the outset I would hazard the opinion that never at any previous period was Religious Instruction better given in the common schools of Scotland than it is at present in the more successful schools or classes under the Board. Whether regard be had to the amount, or the skill with which it is given, or the interest which the pupils, and particularly the older pupils, have been induced to take in it, the schools are now, I believe, considerably ahead of all their predecessors. In each of the last two years, speaking of the schools as a whole, I

have been able to mark steady progress. The portions committed are better said and better understood, a larger number take part in the examinations on Scripture History, and altogether the appearance of the classes under examination is much more worthy of the subject, and more in keeping with the kind of teaching and progress in other subjects, than it was two or three years ago.

As in my last Report, I am not yet able to say that nothing remains to be desired. Indeed the difference between one school and another, and one class and another, and the need of a "levelling up" process have seemed to me more marked this year than before. The defective accommodation, which I have referred to elsewhere, and the fact that all the schools are not staffed alike, perhaps sufficiently account for this inequality. Where the Religious Instruction has to be given to several hundreds of children in different classes within earshot of each other, or when it has to be intrusted to any considerable extent to pupil-teachers, unless in the later years of their apprenticeship, I am satisfied that it will always prove more or less unsatisfactory. Where a teacher is aided only by pupil-teachers, the amount that he can do by exchanging with his pupil-teachers is comparatively little, for they are not qualified to manage the higher standards which he usually has under his own care, and which he must leave while taking the pupil-teacher's place. At most, they can hear the memory-work repeated and examine on the facts of Scripture. Even in regard to the latter, they are not always to be relied on. One brought out from his pupils that Jesus was born *in a stable* because the houses in Bethlehem were filled with people going to the Passover; it is almost always said that Moses found an Egyptian and Israelite *fighting*, and killed the Egyptian. Still less can they be relied on to expound the significance of a miracle or explain the teaching of a parable. One girl elicited that the lesson of the parable of "The Prodigal Son" was "not to mis-spend."

In explaining what is committed, the error requires to be guarded against of giving the meaning of individual words that may seem to require explanation, without ascertaining that the whole sentence in which they occur is understood. For example, in the lines,

"All, levelled by the hand of Death,
Lie sleeping in the tomb,"

the word "levelled" on one occasion was understood, but not how or in what sense all are levelled by the hand of Death. I am not

aware whether the plan is tried of first explaining, in every instance, what is afterwards to be committed. It is undoubtedly the proper method, and that which is adopted by all skilful teachers in other subjects. Nor would it increase the teacher's labour, or occupy more time to explain to-day, with Bibles or Catechisms open, the verse or answer which was to be learned for to-morrow.

I still desiderate more of definiteness, fulness, and freshness, in regard to Bible incidents from the younger teachers. These qualities are only to be maintained by a careful study of the Bible narratives each time the lesson is to be given, however often the teacher may have taught the subject before. I had incidental proof that one and another of those teachers whose classes had been most successful in the examination had taken pains from night to night in this particular.

I would suggest that especially the younger teachers should enter in a diary, as briefly as they please, the portion gone over at each Bible lesson conducted by them throughout the session. These diaries could be submitted from time to time to the Head-masters, and, if it were thought desirable, to the Board or its representatives.

The Map is not yet so frequently used to illustrate Bible narratives as it ought to be.

For remarks on the different schools and classes, I beg to refer the Board to the accompanying detailed Reports.

As on former occasions, I have to acknowledge the attention and courtesy which I received from all connected with the schools. The Head-masters consulted my convenience and comfort in every particular, and did all in their power to facilitate the work of examination, for which I beg very cordially to thank them.

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SCHEDULE I.—*Time devoted to Religious Instruction in the several Schools, inclusive of Opening Exercises.*

	MINUTES PER DIEM.	
	INFANTS.	OTHERS.
Victoria Terrace, ...	35 ¹	40 to 45 ¹
St. Leonard's, ...	30	45
West Port, ...	40	seniors 55 ¹
Dalry, ...	40	40
West Fountainbridge, ...	40	45
Deanhaugh, ...	35	40
Holyrood, ...	30	40
Dean, ...	35	35

¹ On four days in the week.

SCHEDULE II.—*Amount of Work professed in the Infant Department of the several Schools.*

	<i>Old Testament.</i>	<i>New Testament.</i>	<i>Memory Work.</i>
VICTORIA TERRACE.	Creation to Flood. History of Joseph.	Life of Christ.	About 30 Texts. 2 Psalms and 1 Paraphrase.
ST. LEONARD'S.	Creation to death of Abraham. Life of Job.	Birth and Life of Christ and John Baptist. 3 Parables and 3 Miracles.	6 Hymns, Texts. Lord's Prayer.
WEST PORT.	Joseph and the Israelite Wander- ings.	Early Life of Christ. A few Miracles and Parables.	Texts, Hymns, and Psalms.
DALRY.	Creation, Fall, Cain and Abel, Flood.	Early Life of Christ. 1 Parable. 1 Miracle.	Psalms, Paraphs., 2 Hymns. A few Texts. Lord's Prayer.
WEST FOUNTAIN- BRIDGE.	Creation, Fall, Flood, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, and Samuel.	Outline of Life of Christ.	3 Psalms, 2 Paraphrases, 2 Hymns. Texts.
DEANHAUGH.	Narratives from Genesis.	Early Life and Miracles of Christ.	2 Psalms, 1 Paraphrase, Selected verses.
HOLYROOD.	Joseph, and Moses to Exodus.	Birth and Early Life of Christ.	2 Paraphrases, 2 Hymns, & Texts.
DEAN.	Life of David, Principal Events.	Life of Christ.	Texts from Proverbs and 3 Hymns.

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Amount of Work performed in the several

	STANDARD I.			STANDARD II.			Old Testament
	Old Testament	New Testament	Catechism and Repetition	Old Testament	New Testament	Catechism and Repetition	
VINTAGE TERRACE.	Life of Moses.	A few Parables.	15 questions. 10 Catechism. 3d and 4d Paraphrase.	Life of Saml.	A few Parables.	30 questions. 10 Catechism. 15th, 17th, and 19th Paraphrase.	Books of Samuel.
ST. LAWRENCE'S.	Book of Genesis.	Birth and early life of Christ.	2 Psalms. 14 Commas.	Genesis 12th to Exodus 11th.	Birth and early life of Christ.	2 Psalms. 2 Paraphrase. 10 Commas.	Moses and Joshua.
WEST PORT.	Creation. Patriarcha Moses (early Life).	Birth of Christ. A few of his Miracles.	Texts and Paraph.	Creation, Fall, Flood, Patriarcha.	Life of Christ.	2 Psalms. 4 Paraphrase.	Genesis and early life of Moses.
DALRY.	Lives of the Patriarcha.	Life of Christ to His Baptism.	2 Psalms. 3 Paraphrase. Cat. 1 to 16.	As Standard I.	Matthew i. to xx.	2 Psalms. 5 Paraphrase. Cat. 1 to 30.	* As Standard I.
WEST FOUNTAIN-BRIDGE.	Creation, Fall, Flood, Abraham, Joseph, and Moses.	Outline of life of Christ and chief Miracles.	Boys. 2 Psalms. 1 Paraph. Texts and Hymns. Girls. 3 Psalms. 3 Paraphrase. Texts and Hymns.	Samuel and David.	Life of Christ and principal Miracles.	2 Psalms. 3 Paraphrase. Proverbs. Commas. 12 Hymns.	Exodus, chaps. i. to xix.
DEANHAUGH.	Joseph, Abraham, and Isaac.	Life of Christ.	3 Psalms. 2 Paraphrase. Luke, 6 verses. 6 Proverbs.	As in Standard I.			Life of David to end of 1st Samuel.
HOLYROOD.	Genesis 37th to Exodus.	Outline of life of Christ.	3 Psalms. 6 Paraphrase. Cat. 1 to 19.	As in Standard I.		2 Psalms. 2 Paraphrase. Cat. 1 to 30.	Exodus to death of Joshua.
DEAN.	Birth of Moses to Crossing of Red Sea.	John Baptist and Christ, outline of life. 2 Parables. 2 Miracles.	3 Psalms. 3 Paraphrase. Cat. 1 to 10 and the Commas.	Same as for Standard I.			Life of Moses and Israelite Wanderings.

* One part of Standard III. has

Schools, Standards I. to VI.

STANDARD III.		STANDARD IV.			STANDARDS V. AND VI.		
<i>New Testament.</i>	<i>Catechism and Repetition.</i>	<i>Old Testament.</i>	<i>New Testament.</i>	<i>Catechism and Repetition.</i>	<i>Old Testament.</i>	<i>New Testament.</i>	<i>Catechism and Repetition.</i>
Acts of the Apostles, 15 chaps.	The Catech. 3 Psalms. 2 Paraphs.	The same as for Standard III.			The same as for Standard III.		
Parables of our Lord.	4 Psalms. 5 Paraphs. Luke i. 46 to 56, 68 to 80. Psalm xliii. in prose. Cat. 39 to 81.	Judges, 16 chaps. 1 Samuel, 15 chaps.	Life of Christ, chronologically to feeding 5000.	5 Psalms. 4 Paraphs. Catechism, 39 to 81. All the Parables in Matthew.	The same as for Standard IV.		
Miracles of Christ.	1 Psalm. 3 Paraphs. Matt. v. 1-11. Cat. 1 to 20.	Judges and Ruth.	Acts i.-xv.	Proverbs. Isaiah liii. Cat. 1 to 39.	Standard V. same as for Standard IV.		
Luke, chaps. i. to xix.	3 Psalms. 2 Paraphs. Cat. 1 to 38.	Genesis i. to xxviii.	Life of Christ. Parables and Miracles.	Isaiah lv. 7 Psalms. Cat. 1 to 81.	Standards V. and VI. same as for Standard IV.		
Matthew, chaps. i. to xxi.	2 Psalms. 2 Paraphs. Cat. 39 to 69.	Joshua.	Matthew.	3 Psalms. 3 Paraphs. John xiv. Cat. 38 to 81, and 100 to 107.	Genesis. Many Proverbs committed.	Acts, chaps. viii. to xix.	4 Psalms. 2 Paraphs. Isaiah 40th and 53d. Cat. 21 to 36, with proofs.
Luke.	4 Psalms. 2 Paraphs. Luke, 8 verses. 12 Proverbs. Cat. 1 to 30. Commas.	David and Solomon. Esther and Jonah.	Luke and Acts i. to xii.	4 Psalms. 5 Paraphs. Luke, 12 verses. 20 Proverbs. Cat. 1-107, with Proofs 98 to 107.	Standards V. and VI. same as for Standard IV.		
Matthew.	1 Psalm. 8 Paraphs. Cat. 37 to 84, 100 to 107.	From death of Joshua to anointing of Saul.	Acts to first Missionary Journey.	4 Psalms. 4 Paraphs. Proverbs, 1st chap. Catechism, the whole.	As in Standard IV.		As in Standard IV., with addition of Isaiah liii. Romans viii. 28 to end.
Life of John Baptist and Christ. 2 Parables. 2 Miracles.	4 Psalms. 3 Paraphs. Cat. 1 to 25 and Commas.	Judges.	Gospel of Matthew. Acts i.-xv.	10 Psalms. Proverbs, 2 chaps. Catechism, the whole.	Same as for Standard IV.		

done somewhat different work.

Detailed Report on Religious Instruction in Dalry Public School. Date of visit, 27th June.

THE circumstances of this School are peculiar. It was opened in February, *i.e.* four months before the examination. Some of the pupils were from Roseburn Public School, but many were new.

INFANT DEPARTMENT, under Miss Morison and two pupil-teachers.—Present in first section 115. A Psalm and a Paraphrase were well said. Bible texts were taught in an intelligent style, and one likely to be practically useful. One inculcating honesty, *ex. gr.*, in connection with the story of a chimney-sweep tempted to steal a watch, and similarly obedience, truth, and the like. The pupils answered fairly well in Old Testament History; better in New Testament History. The unusually violent thunder-storm of that day doubtless distracted the attention of these young children.

SECTION II., under Miss Gilray and a pupil-teacher.—Present 96. Several hymns were correctly repeated and examined on. The brief portions of Old Testament History which had been overtaken had been handled with considerable intelligence and skill.

CLASSES VII and VI., corresponding to Standards I. and II., under two female pupil-teachers, both in their fifth year.—Present 121. Excepting those who had recently been admitted to the school, all but 8 or 10 took their part in the repetition of the 23d and 121st Psalms, and the 2d, 11th, and 54th Paraphrases. The meaning of such words as "raiment," "fit," "perplexing," "provide," was known by only a few. One of the pupil-teachers examined on the life of Christ, and got a good many answers. Any approach to individual examination gave but poor results. Thus the Baptist, his ministry, the subject of his preaching, etc. were not well known. The other pupil-teacher examined on Old Testament History, but with similar results. Scarcely any answers were given to questions relating to Abraham, Sarah, Ishmael, etc. Something was known of the offering up of Isaac. The work of this class was somewhat disappointing.

Class V (STANDARD II.), under pupil-teacher in her second year.—Present 80. Of Matthew's Gospel of which 20 chapters were possessed, a little at the beginning was known but not much; after the Temptation almost nothing. The names of the miracles

could be given, but little relating to the miracles themselves. The earlier part of the Catechism was repeated by many very correctly, and some explanation had been given. The teacher seems lively and energetic.

CLASS IV. (STANDARD III.), under pupil-teacher in her fifth year.—Present 81. The Old Testament history was better done by this class, at least in the earlier portion of it; Abraham's history was not so well known as it ought to have been. One boy had remarkably good knowledge of the subject, and several girls were well up in it. The repetition of the 1st and 100th Psalms, and of the 11th Paraphrase was decidedly good. The teacher is vigorous.

CLASS III. (STANDARD III.), under Miss Croal, Assistant.—Present 66. The repetition of this class was on the whole well done. In dealing with the Gospel of Luke the teacher's style was superior, and the results were good. The class manifested a considerable amount of intelligence.

CLASSES II. and I., corresponding to STANDARDS IV. V. and VI., under Mr. Aitken, second master.—Present 103. For memory-work the two classes are wrought separately, for all other subjects they are combined. The Catechism was very well repeated, except by those who had been recently admitted; the meaning also was for the most part well understood. The repetition of Isaiah 53d, Psalms 8th, 103d, 133d, and 137th, was perfectly satisfactory, and was evidently the result of a large amount of careful preparation. Twenty-eight chapters of Genesis were professed, and the miracles and parables of our Lord. Both in Old Testament and New Testament the results of the examination were remarkably good. The teacher is able, skilful, and evidently bent on having his pupils thoroughly well trained in this department.

*Detailed Report on Religious Instruction in Deanhaugh
Public School. Date of visit, 11th July.*

INFANT DEPARTMENT, under Miss Mackenzie and pupil-teachers.—Present 98. This class was heard its repetition individually, a line or two each, and knew it very well. The meaning also had formed part of the lesson. The texts were got under heads such as "promises," "those relating to heaven," "duties," etc., and were

"*and the life of Joseph, and other parts of Old Testament History* has been well taught.

STANDARD I. and II. under two pupil-teachers, male in his third year, got in one lesson.—Present 75. Many of the pupils of this class are new-comers and some of these very far back. Some also are irregular at the Bible lesson. The repetition was decidedly poor. None could say all of the six verses in Luke that were professed, and only a few could say the first of them. On the life of Christ all the general facts about His birth, etc., were known by many; about His death, burial, and resurrection, scarcely any knew almost anything. One of the pupil-teachers examined on Joseph, and on this the pupils answered well, but on the life of Abraham, which was also professed, the answers were confined to six or eight boys and a few girls. On the facts relating to Lot and Sodom, *et. gr.*, scarcely any answers were given. The circumstances of the school are very unfavourable. The classes look into each others' faces, some of them cannot help seeing all that transpires on the street, and when the teaching is proceeding, the more earnest and lively one class and its teacher are, the less possible is it for its neighbour to be equally so. Moreover, for the class of children attending the school, a pupil-teacher's authority is quite insufficient to secure diligence and attention.

STANDARD III., under pupil-teacher in his third year.—Present 10. The 8th Psalm, the 33d and 66th Paraphrases, verses from Luke, and a few Proverbs were repeated. In the Psalm, etc., the first words of each verse had to be given, but on the whole this part of the work was considerably better done than in the section below. The meaning also was known somewhat. In a round of catechism fully two-thirds could answer, and there was a very fair understanding of its meaning.

The earlier part of the life of David was examined on with pretty good results. The knowledge was too general, and about one-third of the girls knew nothing. In the examination on Luke some did very well.

STANDARDS IV., V., and VI., under Mr. Glog, Head-master.—Each pupil said a portion of the Psalms or Paraphrases which were professed with satisfactory correctness. On twenty selected Proverbs also which had been committed to memory, they answered well. In Old Testament the majority answered very well indeed as

David, Absalom, Ahithophel, Shimei, Solomon, etc. The portion of Acts also on which I examined had evidently been carefully studied.

I was much pleased with the whole tone and spirit of this class.

Detailed Report on Religious Instruction in Dean Public School. Date of visit, 16th July.

INFANT DEPARTMENT, under Miss Chalmers.—Present 116. As last year, I was very greatly pleased with the work of this department. The order is perfect, and the sympathy between the teacher and her pupils instantaneous and complete. For the sake of variety, texts from the Proverbs only had been learned, one for each letter of the alphabet, but the meaning had in every case been explained. Even the very little ones said, and all articulated well. The words which had to be explained, however, such as Adversity, Discretion, Boast, are perhaps too hard for an Infant Class. I thoroughly approve, however, of Miss Chalmers's desire not to trade year after year with a limited and almost hackneyed collection of texts. Fifteen incidents in the life of David had formed the subject of instruction in the Old Testament. Some of these might be disposed of in a single lesson, others would require two or three. The plan of arranging the chief events of David's life so, contributes greatly to definiteness in teaching, and is to be approved. The pupil answered very well both on Old and New Testament History.

JUNIOR DIVISION. STANDARDS I. and II., under two pupil-teachers, Head-master frequently interchanging.—Present 96, but of these 30 had just been promoted from the Infant Department, and did not know therefore what was professed for repetition. Psalms 3d and 46, and Paraphrases 4th and 60th were repeated by most with creditable correctness, and the meaning of individual words had been got. The statements, however, in which these words occurred were not always understood. The portion of the Catechism selected was repeated by many correctly, and with some intelligence. I examined in Old Testament on matters connected with the Passover. A good many knew something of the subject; none particularly or to very good purpose. The questions on New Testament History were answered very fairly.

STANDARD III., under Miss Alexander.—Present 44. Psalms

46th and 61st, Paraphrases 54th, 60th, and 63d, were repeated, and scarcely anything could have been better than the style in which it was done. The Catechism was known almost equally well. With scarcely any exception all the questions put regarding the Wanderings, the death of Moses, the Spies, Hor, Sinai, the Pillar of Cloud, etc., were correctly and intelligently answered. The map had been used to advantage. In the New Testament I examined minutely on the Baptism of Christ and the Temptation, and was entirely satisfied with the result, so far at least as the knowledge of the facts went. The teaching of this section has been thoroughly successful.

STANDARDS IV., V. and VI. under Mr. Esdaile Duncan, Headmaster.—Present 51. The repetition of this class was excellent. Each repeated in turn a part of Psalms 1st, 8th, 15th, 19th, 24th, 26th, and 84th, and the number of those who hesitated or broke down was quite inconsiderable. The meaning also had been got with some success. I was much pleased also with the way in which the Catechism was known, and the measure of intelligence with which the pupils answered on its subject-matter. The Book of Judges and the Gospel according to Matthew were professed, and had evidently been thoroughly studied. The class was all eager to do its best, and questions on any part of the history were promptly and correctly answered. Mr. Duncan's plan of giving the pupils short Essays to write on Bible History, illustrated by maps of the regions referred to in the Essays, is a very admirable one. Of course they require to be carefully revised. I saw a number of specimens, which did their writers great credit.

*Detailed Report on Religious Instruction in Holyrood
Public School. Date of visit, 12th July.*

INFANT DEPARTMENT, under Mrs. Anderson.—Present 157, but of these 61 were virtually not presented for examination, as they had only recently been admitted to the school. The repetition was on the whole well done. The number of texts, however, was much smaller than usual, and not so many were able to say them. In examining on both Old and New Testament History, I was much hampered by the apparently unconquerable tendency of a few pupils to shout out the answers before any others had an opportunity of speaking. A good many were able to answer

about Joseph, Moses, and New Testament facts. This knowledge, however, was by no means universal.

STANDARD I., under pupil-teacher who has been in charge only for a month. The repetition was well done by most. The Catechism not so well. The meaning had not been explained. In examination on the History the results were fairly good.

STANDARD II., under pupil-teacher, now candidate for admission to a Training College.—Present 48. Psalms 80th and 91st, and Paraphrases 8th and 11th were repeated. Leaving out seven who had recently joined the class, all with very few exceptions were able to say what was required of them. In the Catechism also very few failed, but not much of the meaning had been got. In New Testament History the life of Christ was professed. The results of my examination were quite satisfactory. Altogether the work of this class does its teacher much credit.

STANDARD III., under pupil-teacher in his third year.—Present 27. The repetition of this class was very fair, but not so good as in Standard II. About one-half were able to answer the questions in the Catechism which were required of them. In Old Testament History (Joshua, Moses, the Spies, etc.), scarcely any did not answer something, but on the Gospel according to Matthew the answering was not so good. The map, I was sorry to find, had not been used in teaching on the Wanderings of the Israelites or the conquests of Joshua.

STANDARDS IV. V. and VI., under Mr. Anderson, Head-master.—Present 39. I am disposed to think that too much had been attempted under the head of repetition—4 Psalms, all of them long, 4 Paraphrases, a chapter of Proverbs, Isaiah 53d, and Romans viii. 28 to 39. The consequence was that although the 80th and 115th Psalms were undoubtedly well said, the knowledge of Isaiah 53d was confined to a very few. Romans viii. was said by one only. The questions in the Catechism were well answered, but not much of the meaning had been got. The examination on the Acts of the Apostles, as far as Paul's first missionary journey, and the Judges in the Old Testament, gave very satisfactory results in the case of almost all the pupils. Some of the children of the class were very intelligent and interesting.

The circumstances of this school are decidedly unfavourable. All but the Infants are taught in one room. Where it is so, be the

diligence and ability of the teacher what they may, the results of the work done can never equal those attainable in schools more favourably situated.

Detailed Report on Religious Instruction in St. Leonard's Public School. Date of visit, 13th June.

INFANT DEPARTMENT, under Miss Cameron and six pupil-teachers.—Present, 291. Anything like individual examination of so large a number was impossible. The hymns professed, accordingly, were said or sung by all together. The texts, though not very numerous, were well said. Examination on the Flood showed correct, and comparatively full, knowledge of the subject—well diffused over the whole class. In New Testament History I examined on John the Baptist with equally satisfactory results.

STANDARD I. (1), under Miss Gilchrist.—Present 82. Owing to the want of accommodation, this class meets in a room at some little distance from the school. The children are evidently of the poorest; they have been recently brought into the school, do no home-work, and are very irregular. Miss Gilchrist seems to be making something of this unpromising material. The three Psalms professed (1st, 8th, and 23d) were well said, but not much of the meaning had been got. A good many could repeat the Ten Commandments, and tell fairly in their own words what each forbade. On the early part of Genesis and of New Testament History, the pupils answered really well.

STANDARD I. (2), under Miss Prentice.—Present 48. The work professed was the same as in the other part of the Standard. The time did not allow of more than a brief examination of this section, but there was clear proof given of much careful teaching.

STANDARD II., under Miss Thallon, with two pupil-teachers.—Present 151. In order to overtake this large number, the pupils were required to repeat in succession one line each of the 54th and 66th Paraphrases, of several Psalms, and of 12 verses of the 5th of Matthew. The test was new to the pupils, and somewhat severe. Still there was scarcely a single failure. This part of the work has not been done more successfully in any school that I have visited. The Commandments also were well said. I am sorry that the understanding of what had been committed had not received so much attention. Between three and four hundred,

in different classes, receive their Bible Instruction in the same room at the same time, which makes it almost impossible to do more than insist on verbal accuracy. This drawback is of course merely temporary. I examined on Joseph, the early life of Moses, the plagues of Egypt, etc., and almost every pupil in turn was able to answer.

STANDARD III., under Mr. M'Caull, assistant, and one pupil-teacher.—Present 147, but 25 had not attended the Bible lessons with anything like regularity. A large amount of memory-work was professed. I was able to overtake the 43d Psalm (prose version), the songs of Mary and Zacharias in Luke ii., Paraphrases 2d, 30th, 54th, 60th, and 66th. All were required to say some portion, longer or shorter, and it was remarkably well done. As in the second Standard, I could have desiderated more intelligence as to the subject matter. The Catechism also, Questions 39 to 81, was well said, and with somewhat more of intelligence. The teacher examined on the Book of Joshua. The subject had been handled in an intelligent and memorable style. The pupils were all attention, and showed that they were thoroughly well up in the facts, at least of the earlier portion of the book. I was much satisfied with the knowledge displayed by the pupils of the Parables of our Lord. The facts of the Parables were well known, and something also of their moral and spiritual significance.

STANDARDS IV., V., and VI., under Mr. Andrew, Head-master.—Number present 70. As in the lower standards the repetition was performed with remarkable precision. I heard the 34th, 46th, and 103d Psalms, and 8 of 12 Parables which had been learnt by heart in the words of Scripture. The last exercise was thoroughly well done, but its permanent utility is perhaps doubtful. The life of Christ had been studied as far as possible chronologically, a plan requiring the collation of events from all the Evangelists. The specimen I had of Mr. Andrew's mode of procedure showed that the work was very ably done, and nothing could exceed the attention and interest of the pupils. I examined on the Baptism of Christ, the Temptation, the events of the 1st, 2d, and 3d chapters of John. The result was all that could be desired. The lesson I heard on Judges, and my examination on a portion of the history, gave equally satisfactory results.

Altogether this school is doing admirable work.

*Detailed Report on Religious Instruction in Victoria
Primary Public School. Date of visit, 6th June.*

INFANT DEPARTMENT, under Miss Archison and two pupil-teachers.—Number present 115. Some 30 texts had been learned, and were correctly repeated. The pupils were able to tell the circumstances in which many of them were spoken, or to give simple explanations of their meaning. Two Psalms, a Paraphrase, and a Hymn were also said by several of the older children.

On Old Testament history many answered well: on the life of Christ, and in a general way, on His miracles, very well.

Considering the want of a gallery, the class of children, and the large number of new entries since the May term, I regarded the appearance made by this department as very creditable indeed.

THE JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.—*Third Division*, under a pupil-teacher third year and the Head-master.—Number present 56. The 2d and 3d Paraphrases only 9 verses in all were professed for repetition. About one-half of the class could repeat the first 15 questions of the Catechism, but the meaning, neither of the verses nor the Catechism, had been got. The pupils answered fairly well on the more outstanding parts of the life of Moses. In the New Testament one or two Parables had been studied, on which many of the class answered fairly well.

I am clearly of opinion that much better work should have been done by this section.

Second Division, under pupil-teacher (about to pass for end of third year) and Head-master.—Number present 36. The 15th, 37th, and 46th Paraphrases were professed. Few of the class knew all three. Only six undertook to say the 15th, and not so many the 37th. Some could say almost nothing. Of the 30 questions in the Catechism which were professed, a good many knew the earlier 15 or 18, the others were not known. The meaning was not given. On the life of Saul, all but a very few answered something, but the information possessed was very general. In the New Testament, three Parables only were professed (the Sower, the Prodigal Son, and the Unjust Steward), on which some of the pupils answered with fair intelligence.

First Division, under Mr. Glass.—Number present 39. Three Psalms (51st, 52d, and 53d) and two Paraphrases (39th and 40th) were said very much better than in the lower divisions. A good deal of intelligence also was shown as to the meaning. The Catechism was not all known, but in some parts the answers were correctly repeated, and care had evidently been taken to make the pupils acquainted with their meaning.

A considerable number of the pupils answered very well indeed on the first 15 chapters of the Acts of the Apostles, the others, with scarcely any exception, did well.

There was time only for a few questions on the Books of Samuel. It was evident that the history had been carefully studied.

*Detailed Report on Religious Instruction in West
Fountainbridge Public School. Date of visit,
10th July.*

INFANT DEPARTMENT, under Miss Vallance.—Present 336. Numerous texts were repeated. Each of the children, even the very little ones, had learned some. They were all very simple. "The sea is His, for He made it;" "Jesus died and rose again;" "Thou shalt not steal;" "Jesus wept;" and the like. The meaning was in no case beyond their reach; and it was evident they had been taught to associate *things* with the *words* they used. The teacher examined in a simple style on Abraham. I took up an earlier portion of the history. On both subjects many answered well.

SECTION OF BOYS, under Miss Gray, second assistant.—This is a lively intelligent class. The repetition was very well done. The explanation had gone side by side with learning by heart. Almost all the words or expressions I asked about were explained by the pupils. There was a curious exception,—the word "approach" in the 100th Psalm. No one could give an equivalent or do the thing. It is a word young children never use, and yet its meaning is so well known by every one else that it is easy to understand how explanation of it had been omitted. In New Testament History I selected for examination the circum-

stances connected with the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord. All the chief facts were known in a simple way. Almost everything that was asked was answered. A brief examination on the Parable of the Good Samaritan also gave good results.

SECTION OF GIRLS, under Miss Lambert, second assistant.—Two Paraphrases were repeated, and the meaning given quite satisfactorily. Each child was examined individually, and nearly every one did what was required of her. They answered well also on Old Testament History.

STANDARD I. is taught in two sections, one consisting of the girls under pupil-teachers, the other of the boys under Miss Mitchell, assistant.—In the former 77 were present, in the latter 91. The girls were heard each a portion of their memory-work, and repeated what was required with almost no mistake. The meaning also, in a general way, was known. The examination on Christ's miracles did not give very good results. The facts of the turning water into wine, *ex. gr.*, had not been sufficiently impressed.

In the boys' section I was much pleased with Miss Mitchell's quiet earnest manner. A good many had joined the school at last term. From these I got little or nothing. Most of the others did well in examination on the history, and such of them as I had time to hear repeat some of their memory-work.

STANDARD II., under Mr. Peattie, with pupil-teachers.—Present 158. The repetition of Proverbs that had been learned was well done, as also of Psalms 25th and 146th. All were heard, and in the Psalms did very well indeed. The meaning also was more or less understood. In Old Testament History a large number did not know very familiar facts in the life of David (which was professed), scarcely any about the Giant of Gath,—none knew about Hebron and David's reign there. The miracles of Christ also, which were professed, were known only in a very general way. None could tell of the raising of the widow's son; the healing of the sick of the palsy was better known, but even it only in the most general way. In both cases the girls answered better than the boys.

STANDARD III., under two pupil-teachers.—Present 74. Knowledge of the Catechism, Psalm 125th, and Paraphrases 1st and

66th. was tested by individual examination. The results were decidedly good. The meaning also was to some extent known. In New Testament History the pupils evinced a tolerably full acquaintance with the ministry of John the Baptist, the baptism and temptation of Jesus. Their knowledge had evidently been derived directly from the Scripture, as the pupils' answers were not unfrequently couched in the language of the narrative.

STANDARD IV. is taught in two sections, under Mr. Duke and a pupil-teacher.—Present 93. I was much pleased with the work of this standard, and only regretted that I had not more time to spend with it. All the scholars were anxious to do well. The 15th chapter of John, which was professed for repetition, was very well known. The Catechism also (the Petitions) had been carefully learned, and the meaning to some extent got. In Old Testament History a few did not do much (probably new-comers); the great bulk of the class did very well indeed. In Matthew they answered well on the Parable of the Sower, the Ten Virgins, the Apostles of the Lord, and Matthew's call.

STANDARDS V. and VI., under Miss Cuthbertson.—Present 48. Isaiah 53d was well repeated by the girls; Isaiah 40th was not well done; Psalm 27th and Paraphrase 8th were not so well said as they should have been. Catechism 21 to 36 was professed, but the repetition was by no means perfect. A good deal of intelligence, however, was displayed as to the meaning. In New Testament History Acts viii. to xix. was professed, and this part of their work they did thoroughly well. The instruction they had received had evidently been given in a very intelligent and interesting form.

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INFANT DEPARTMENT (*Junior Division*), under Miss Stewart.—Present 85. A considerable number of texts had been learned, and attention had been called to their meaning. The 23d Psalm, 2d Paraphrase, and two Hymns were also repeated. In New Testament History a few knew something; in Old Testament the class did better.

INFANT DEPARTMENT (*Senior Division*), under Miss Robertson.—

Present 57. The texts learned were numerous, and the meaning was well understood. Several hymns and the 41st Paraphrase were repeated correctly and with intelligence. The children did very well indeed in examination on the Brazen Serpent, the incidents at the Red Sea, Horeb, etc. The teaching was evidently lively and spirited.

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT (*Division I.*) taught by Miss Shaw, pupil-teacher in her third year.—Present 43. This division has, I am informed, been recently formed. The 1st Psalm, which was one of those professed, was not well done; the 41st Paraphrase was better. The results of the examination on Bible History were barely satisfactory. Some pupils did their work very well indeed, but there was a considerable number from whom not much could be got.

Division II., under Mr. Wm. Dagleish, pupil-teacher in his second year.—Present 43. Mr. Robertson occasionally exchanges with the pupil-teacher. A pupil-teacher in his second year cannot do much with West Port children in Standards I. and II. Between one-half and two-thirds did the memory-work well, and in Bible History there was evidence of work done at all the points touched in the examination. The information was deficient in definiteness and fulness. Still this division did better than that below it.

Division III., under Mr. James Hastie, pupil-teacher in his fourth year.—Present 57. Psalms 41st, 43d, 137th, Paraphrase 1st, and the Beatitudes were repeated, a line each in succession by nearly all. Some knowledge of the meaning had been got. In Catechism a good many could not do much. The facts of those of Christ's miracles which were examined on were well known.

Division IV., Mr. Robertson, Head-master.—Present 23. Isaiah 53d, and 25 Proverbs were well said, and the meaning correctly given; the Shorter Catechism was better understood than in some schools. In Acts I examined on Paul's first missionary journey, which the pupils knew thoroughly well, then on the events of Pentecost, which were also well known. A clear account of Peter's address was given by the pupils. Altogether the work had been very intelligently done. In Judges the life of Samson was selected. The pupils answered intelligently on the facts and their import. The Head-master has evidently wrought very hard and faithfully. Defective accommodation, and the want of other assistance than that of pupil-teachers, sufficiently account for the defects in the lower standards.

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